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## SOUTH RESUMES OFFENSIVES.

## CONCENTRATING FOR DRIVE ON PEKING.

## FURTHER CLAIMS BY MARSHAL FENG YU-HSIANG.

## ALLEGED BELGIAN LOAN.

The Nationalists at Nanking have, according to a late Chinese message received to-day, ordered a resumption of the offensive against the North, for which purpose orders have been issued for all the troops at present stationed in Nanking, Wusih and Shanghai to concentrate on the Fengpu front.

In connexion with the above, it is interesting to note that according to a Nationalist news agency, Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, who is co-operating with Nanking, has made an advance in the vicinity of Hsuehowsu, and that Marshal Sun Chuan-fang has gone to Dairen.

It is also announced from Nanking that the expedition against General Tang Seng-chi, of Hankow, is progressing favourably, there being large troops concentrations at Kiukiang. The complete defeat of Tang is confidently expected, and one of the minor Generals reports that he has gained a victory over some opposing forces after a three days' battle.

Answering questions in the House of Commons, a Government spokesman stated that the cost of the troops in China up to September 30 was estimated to be £2,900,000.

## DEFENCE FORCE COSTS £3,000,000.

Shanghai, Nov. 10. — has left for Dairen, that Shansi General Ho Ying-ching has ordered his troops in Nanking, Wusih and Shanghai to leave immediately for the Northern front and to concentrate in Sanchia within three days. General Ho accompanied by General Liu Chi left for the front yesterday morning to direct operations against Fengpu, which the Nationalists expect to capture very shortly. General Ho now directs the Northern military campaign while Generals Li Chung-jen and Ching Chien direct the western campaign against Gen. Tang Seng-chi.

## COST OF DEFENCE.

Nearly £3,000,000 Spent.

London, Nov. 9.

In the House of Commons, replying to questions, Captain King said that the official expenditure from army funds on the troops sent to China, up to September 30, was estimated to be £2,900,000, including expenditure incurred prior to March 31. —Reuter.

## HANKOW BREAK UP?

Tang in Precarious Position.

Shanghai, Nov. 9.

News from the Middle Yangtze is very meagre, but tends to suggest that Tang Seng-chi's position is most precarious as dissension has broken out between Ho Chien's thirty fifth and Liu Shih's thirty sixth armies, as the result of which the Wuhan troops have evacuated Wusih and are falling back to Hwangchow with the possibility that the dissensions will cause internecine fighting.

Meanwhile, strong detachments of the third and sixth Nanking armies are advancing from Kiukiang through Wuning and Yining, threatening the Wuchang-Changsha railway, while the pro-Nanking second army on November 3 from Ichang occupied Yochow, cutting Tang Seng-chi's communications with Changsha. It is rumoured that Chen Chien has promised Hunan to Li Chung-ien if the Nanking campaign is successful. —Reuter.

## NATIONALIST CLAIMS.

General Successes.

Shanghai, Nov. 10. — The Nationalist Kuo Min news agency claims that the forces of Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang have advanced in the vicinity of Hsuehowsu, that Marshal Sun Chuan-fang

One Chinese case of cerebro-spinal meningitis was reported yesterday.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone is central near Shanghai. Moderate monsoon may be expected over the China sea. The local forecast up to noon to-morrow is: N. E. winds, moderate; fine.

The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day: Yingchow, Mantun, Macedonia, Suiyuan, Van Heutz, Formosa, Tonjer, Times Maru, Cheribon, Maru, Susana II, Menado Maru, Seiyo Maru, Chenan, Soochow, Daiviken, Venezia, Kiangsu, Tjilakal, Porthos, Talma and Hop-sang.

(Continued on Page 5.)

## CHOCHOW SIEGE.

### A STUDY OF CHINESE WARFARE.

#### WEARY CAMPAIGNING.

Mr. Putnam Weale writes from Peking on October 26 to the *Shanghai Times*:

People are going out by train to look at Chochow, which is one of the curiosities of this unexpected war with Shansi. Chochow is about 46 miles from Peking and in normal times can be reached in something over two hours. It is one of the very ordinary Chinese market towns, with stout medieval walls, of which there are hundreds in North China and thousands throughout the whole Chinese dominion.

Lying less than a mile from the station of the same name on the Peking-Hankow trunk railway, it is the last place in the world you would imagine would hold up the whole Fengtien army. Yet for more than fortnight it has been under siege; and although there appear to be only 5,000 Shansi troops inside, so stout are the walls that, failing an assault which might cost the Manchurian army thousands of casualties, the only way of securing its surrender is by starvation and negotiation. The heavy artillery, after prolonged fire, has entirely failed to make any impression whatsoever on the defences; for, when the outer brickwork was blown away, the real medieval city wall emerged and was shown to consist of solid squares of stone, good for a thousand bombardments.

After that discovery the artillery ceased firing; for this is a war in which the husbanding of ammunition is as important as it was to the British in the early days in Flanders, since after Shansi there is Honan to think of; and after that the whole problem of the Yangtze.

Sermon in Stone.

The walls of Chochow are that sermon in stone Shakespeare so eloquently speaks of; they tell more of Chinese history and characteristics than all the books ever written. They are an illustration, a picture-book, of that incomprehensible history which fills fat tomes; they summarize the passivity, the negative way of using force which is so ingrained in the race. The Chinese method of opposing attack—or of making an attack—is to stonewall; you may rush forward a few hundred miles into the enemy's country, but as soon as you have done that, instead of a war of movement, you dig yourself in and prepare for a war of attrition. The element of time, which does not exist in the sense that it exists among Western nations, is completely removed from the picture; it is easy to see exactly how it has been possible for the Chinese to defend themselves and maintain their characteristics throughout 40 centuries.

A market-town such as Chochow, without any preparation other than closing its gates, can even in the Twentieth Century sustain a siege of indefinite length in spite of bombardment, provided there is no treachery among the garrison. Why Fighting May Drag On.

Market-towns throughout China are the repositories of all the grain and foodstuffs from the surrounding country; and immediately after a harvest there is a surplus which can maintain the inhabitants certainly for months, if not for longer. Even with the most modern weapons and with high explosive it is too costly to blow down the walls; in old days there was nothing that the enemy could possibly do but ride round out of arrow-shot and hurl ineffective curses at the lines of heads looking down through the embrasures. Chochow may have surrendered long before this is in print (Fengtien troops were reported in the city on Nov. 1.—Ed.); for satisfactory terms are being offered to the garrison, which is to be transported to Manchuria and incorporated in the Fengtien army. On the other hand, it may not have surrendered simply, because the character of Shansi men is like the Shantung character, dour and intractable.

The incident is highly significant as showing that in spite of all the talk of a new nation having been born, a generation could really pass away with this Civil War.

## EXCITING ESCAPE OF PRINCESS MARY.

### OUTBREAK OF FIRE IN MANSION.

#### RUSH FROM BEDROOMS.

London, Nov. 9.

Princess Mary and her husband, Viscount Lascelles, had an exciting escape early to-day from an outbreak of fire at Bretton Park, between Barnsley and Wakefield, Yorkshire, the residence of Lord Allendale. They had to rush from their bedrooms wearing only their night clothes.

Fire was found to have started in the night nursery where the three children of Lord and Lady Allendale and a nurse were sleeping. Lady Allendale herself dashed past the blazing day nursery in time to rouse the children and nurse who were taken to safety. Princess Mary's two children were also in the house but, apparently, not in the danger zone.

The Princess was instrumental in saving other persons from serious injury if not death. Her Royal Highness, with other guests who had to leave their bedrooms, had taken temporary refuge in the library. She expressed the opinion that the ceiling of the library, which was below the day nursery, threatened to fall in and suggested that all should leave the room and told the servants, who were using fire extinguishers, to come away.

Lord Allendale and his guests set to work to fight the flames pending the arrival of the fire brigade. The fire was eventually localised to the day nursery and library, but much damage was done by fire, smoke and water to valuable books, pictures and furniture.

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Telegrams were sent to the King and Queen informing their Majesties of their daughter's safety.

—British Wireless.

## U.S. COTTON SLUMPS AGAIN.

### OWING TO BETTER CROP ESTIMATES.

London, Nov. 9.

Prices on the cotton exchange broke from four to six dollars a bale, after publication of the estimate by the Department of Agriculture showing an increase of 160,000 bales compared with the October forecast.

The New Orleans cotton market is also weak, and prices are declining similarly. —Reuter's American Service.

Later.

The heavy selling is attributed to the fact that the October increase in cotton might foreshadow a further increase in the current month.

Sharp rallies followed, the market closing steady, after a net decline of 83.99 points. —Reuter's American Service.

—British Wireless.

## A GERMAN FIRM'S BORROWINGS.

### MORE AMERICAN CREDITS.

Berlin, Nov. 9.

The Nord Deutsche Lloyd concluded an agreement with an American banking group, composed of Kuhn, Loeb and Company and the Guaranty Trust Company, for a 20-year loan of £20,000,000 at 6 per cent, guaranteed by the Darmstädter Und National Bank. —Reuter.

New York, Nov. 9.

The Nord Deutsche Lloyd loan is being offered to-day by a syndicate headed by Kuhn, Loeb and Co., at 94. —Reuter's American Service.

—British Wireless.

## ROYAL VISITOR.

### ENJOYS SUBMARINE RIDE.

London, Nov. 9.

King Faisal, of Iraq, and his Prime Minister visited Portsmouth Dockyard to-day. They had a three hours' trip to Spithead in Submarine L22. —British Wireless.

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## BRITISH POLICY.

### GUILDFHALL SPEECH BY PREMIER.

#### CHINA AND INDIA.

London, Nov. 9.

There were traditionally enchanting scenes of pomp at the Guildhall, at the Lord Mayor's banquet, which was attended by leaders in all walks of public activity.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Prime Minister, was the principal speaker, and he noted the profound and benevolent change in European relationships during the past year. He said that when the Soviets were prepared to observe the ordinary decencies of international intercourse they would find Britain ready to meet them in a spirit of liberality and goodwill.

China.

He regretted the lack of improvement in the China situation, due to the multiplicity of conflicting Governments and Generals, whom it was contrary to our policy of non-interference to recognise.

Egypt.

As regards Egypt, the Premier declared that both parties had reason to be satisfied with the recent Anglo-Egyptian negotiations.

India.

As regards India, he defended not the policy of the non-inclusion not only of Indians but of anyone connected with the Indian Government or commerce, on the Statutory Commission, their sole desire being to give real instructed opinion and Indians the best chance of taking an effective and constructive part in devising a solution.

Industry.

Mr. Baldwin concluded by referring to the slight improvement in important industries in the past few months, and the likelihood of increased activity in the near future. He finally commended the recent exhortation by Mr. Philip Snowden to Labour to help and make the present industrial system efficient and highly productive, contributing to Labour sharing in the improvement. —Reuter.

Memorandum Adhered To.

Later.

In the course of his speech at the Guildhall, Mr. Baldwin declared that Britain was able to recognise none of the contending factions as the paramount Government in China, "but we abide by the principles laid down in the memorandum of December 1926."

India's Problems.

A large part of his speech was devoted to the Indian commission's enquiry into a problem vital not only to India and the Empire, but also to civilisation. He appealed to all concerned to abandon suspicions, jealousies, and strife between East and West, and approach the problem with a common determination to build on the best and surest foundations. —Reuter.

—British Wireless.

## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LEAVE.

### DEPARTURE FOR SHANGHAI THIS AFTERNOON.

Brought up to strength by a large draft from Home, the 2nd Batt. The Northamptonshire Regiment left for Shanghai this afternoon aboard the troopship Somersetshire.

The battalion marched from Shanshupu shortly after dusk last evening, and it is understood, the embarkation was completed this morning.

The Northamptonshire is expected to return from Shanghai in the course of next week, or early the following week, and she will take on board the usual reliefs for Home.

—British Wireless.

—British Wireless.

## S. AFRICA'S PRECIOUS STONES.

### JOINT SESSION ADOPTS LEGISLATION.

Capetown, Nov. 9.

A joint sitting of the Senate and Assembly has adopted the Precious Stones Bill, over which there was such a controversy recently, oppositionists having introduced a number of amendments. —Reuter.

—British Wireless.

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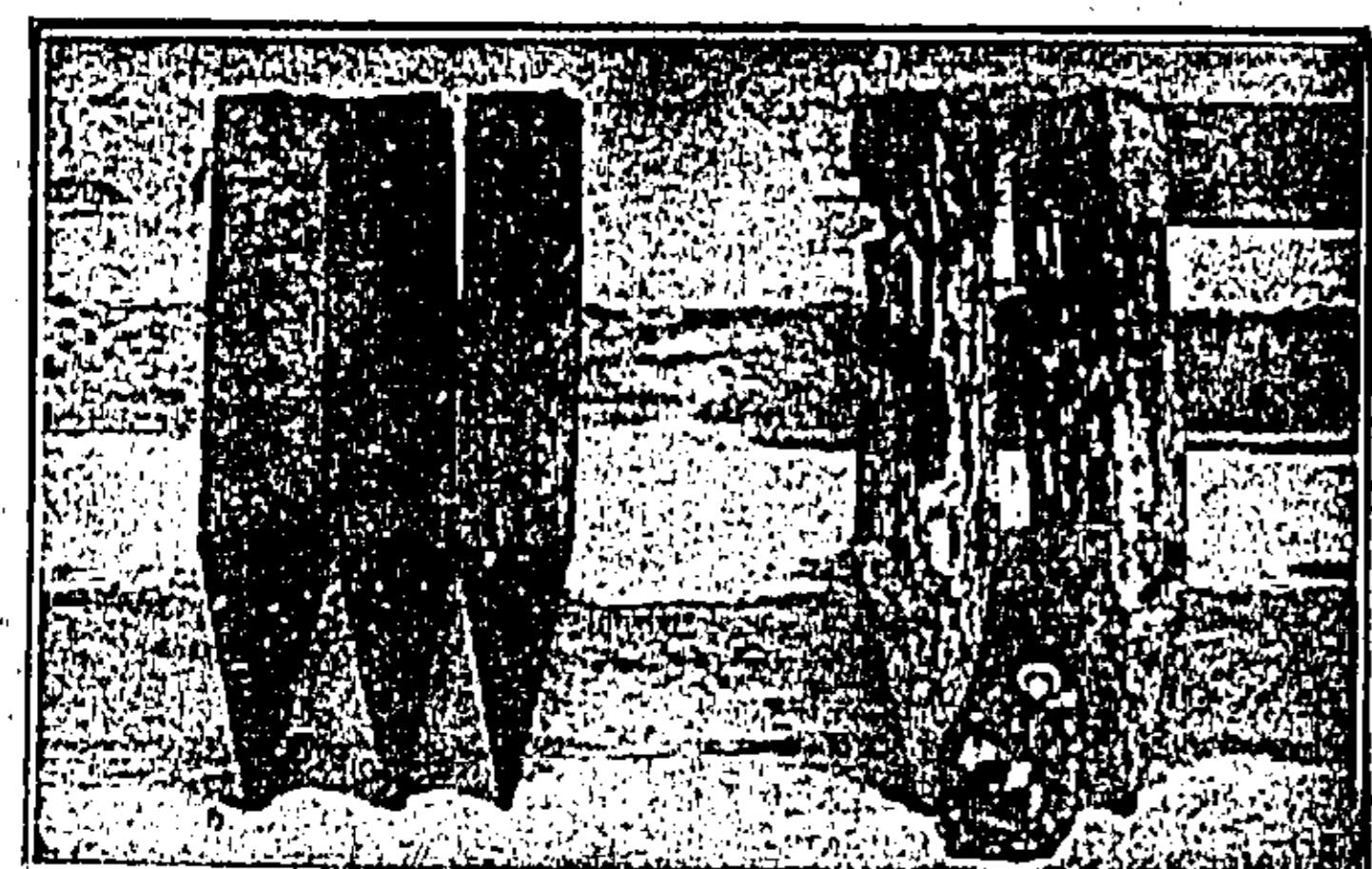
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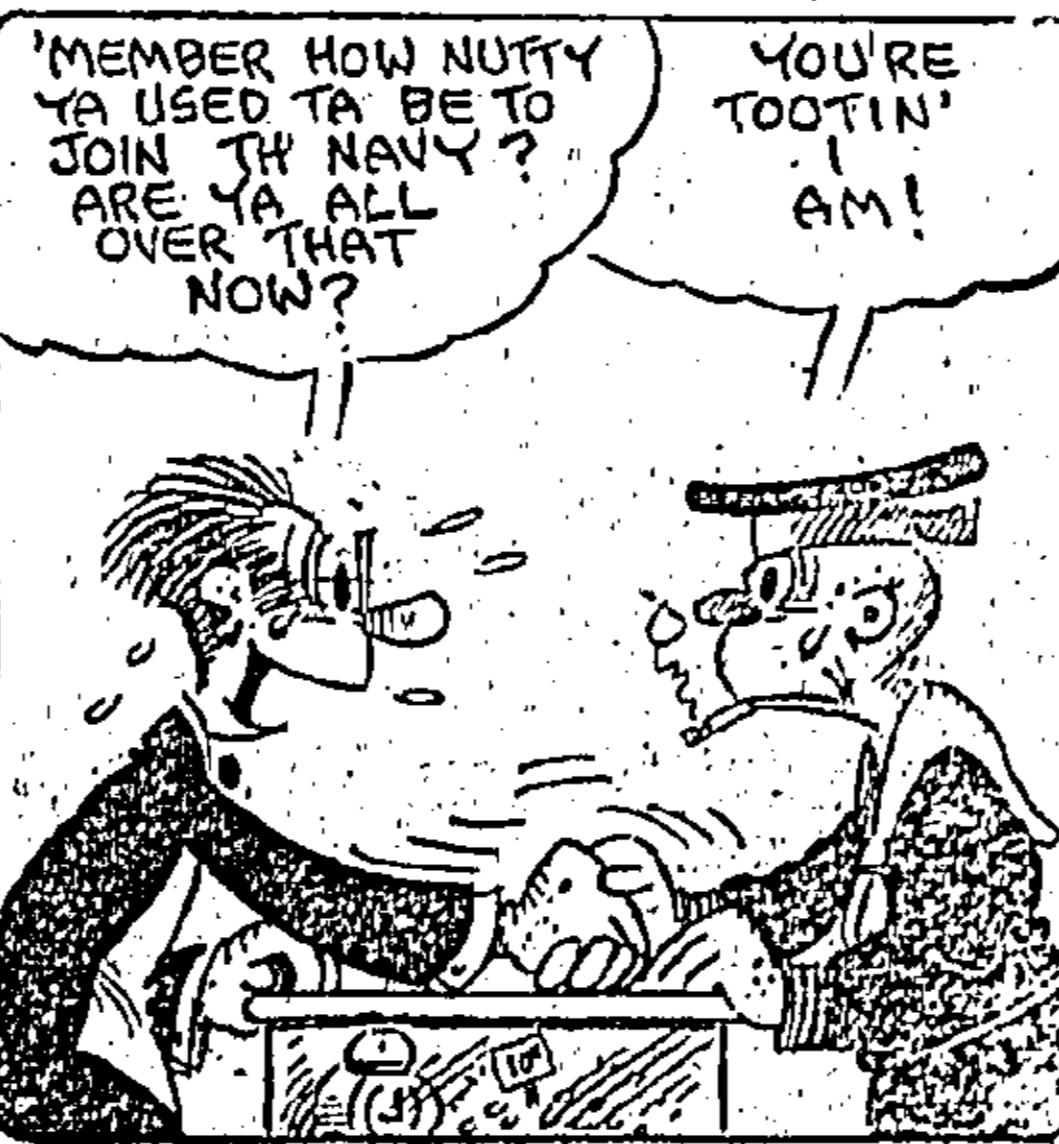
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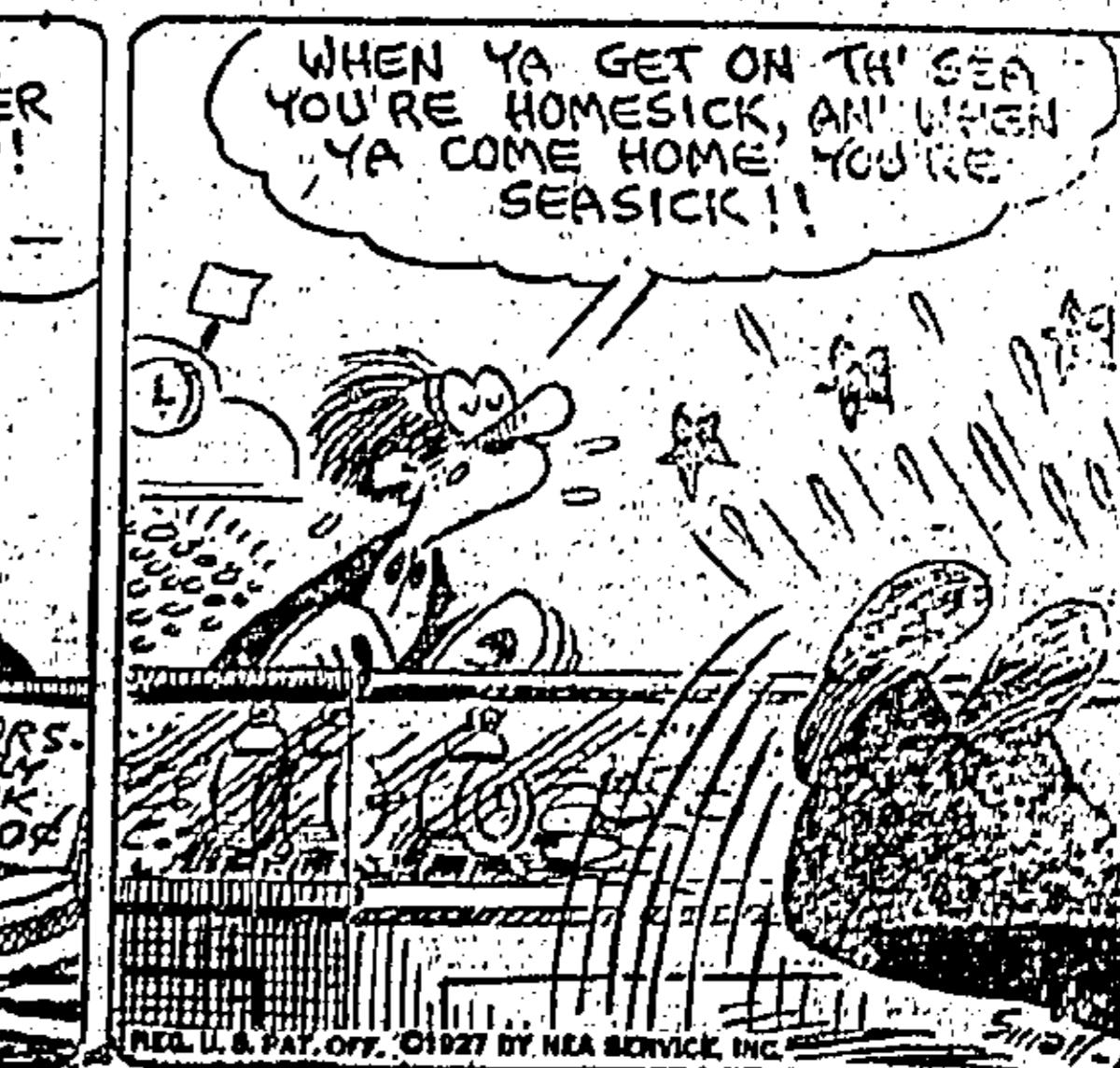
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## HARBOUR ROBBERY.

THE WO FAT SHING COUP  
DESCRIBED BY CLERK.

Further details of the sensational hold-up in Hongkong Harbour of the steam launch Wo Fat Shing, and the theft of gold bars consigned to Annam, were related at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon when the case against one of the alleged participants was continued before Mr W. Schofield.

Sub-Inspector Dorling is prose-  
cuting on behalf of the Police and Mr. D. McCallum is representing the defendant.

The evidence of a clerk of the Wo Fat Shing Company was that he had received a bill of lading for the delivery of gold to the s.s. Prominent for export to Annam at 6.30 p.m. on October 12, witness accordingly accompanied a consignment of gold to the Prominent by launch. There were four employees of the firm besides witness who sat at the bow of the launch near the gold.

Whilst on the way to the Prominent which was tied up at Buoy C36 near Kennedy Town, witness noticed that his pals who had previously been amidships, were sitting with him at the bow of the launch. Turning round, witness saw a man in a black coat. Addressing witness, this man informed him that a search would be carried out on board. Witness thought the man was a member of the Water Police until everybody was ordered down into the cabin.

In the cabin all the men were bound, and gagged and told they need have no fear as it was money the intruders were after and not the crew's lives. Witness was in the act of drawing a pistol when he noticed a man at the top of the stairs holding a revolver. The crew and passengers were then searched and relieved of their personal property. The defendant who carried a firearm searched the men.

## Report to Police.

Before leaving the robbers ordered the men not to stir till sometime after nine o'clock. Ten minutes after the robbers' departure, however, the launch bumped against something and one of the seamen shouted that the boat was leaking. Going on deck, witness found the launch aground off North Point. The men on board then went ashore and reported the occurrence to the police.

Cross-examined by Mr. McCallum, witness said that he had been in the employ of the complainant for four years. He was familiar with Wong Yee, the coxswain, and two of the seamen. The former was on board in charge of the launch on the day of the robbery.

Mr. McCallum: Had he anything to do with the robbery?

Witness: I do not know. Continuing witness said he was too frightened to notice who the man was who pointed a revolver at him. Wong Yee was then at the wheel. Witness could not recollect whether anyone was near the coxswain.

Three robbers visited the cabin while witness and the others were confined below. Witness did not know who the first two men were. The defendant was in custody at the Water Police Station when witness saw him.

Answering Sub-Inspector Dorling, witness said he recognised the defendant immediately he was taken into the charge room.

Corroborative evidence was given by others who were on board after which the case was adjourned till next Tuesday.

## BISHOP OF NAGASAKI.

RECEPTIONS ARRANGED  
IN PARIS.

Paris, Nov. 9.  
The French Society of Friends of Missions is arranging receptions in honour of Mgr. Hayasaka, Bishop of Nagasaki who is due in Paris on the 27th.—Havae.

## SUNNING ECHO.

PRESENTATION TO THE  
CHIEF OFFICER.

On Wednesday of next week Mr. T. P. Beatty, who was Chief Officer of the Sunning when she was pirated a year ago and was instrumental in organising a successful resistance, will be the recipient of a presentation from the Marine Insurance Association. The presentation will be of a private nature, and will made by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.) at the Company's offices in Chartered Bank Building. Only a few invitations are being issued, these being confined to members of the Association, Commodore J. L. Pearson, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Halifax, the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard (Chairman of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce), the Senior Naval Officer, Intelligence, and the head of the China Navigation Company.

A few weeks ago Mr. J. S. Hurst, the second officer, and Mr. George McCormack, the Chief Engineer, received similar acknowledgement of their services from the Shanghai Marine Underwriters Association. Messrs. Butterfield and Swire have also presented to each of the officers of the Sunning a gold watch.

## MADRAS STATUE.

SWARAJIST PROPOSAL TO  
REMOVE REJECTED.

Madras, Oct. 21. By 67 votes to 29, the Madras Legislature rejected a Swarajist motion for the removal of General Neill's statue from the present site.

Unofficial members described the late General Neill as a "cowardly murderer," while Mr. N. E. Marjoribanks, for the Government, warned members against the possibility of the movement spreading to other statues.

Mr. C. E. Wood, in deprecating the strong language used, recalled the Cawnpore murders, when innocent Englishmen, women and children were murdered.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## ARMISTICE DAY.

Sir.—With reference to the letter of yesterday, may I trespass on your space to inform all ex-Service men and women that those who cannot arrange to be present at the Cathedral should collect at the Cenotaph corner near the statue to Sir Henry May before 10.45 a.m.

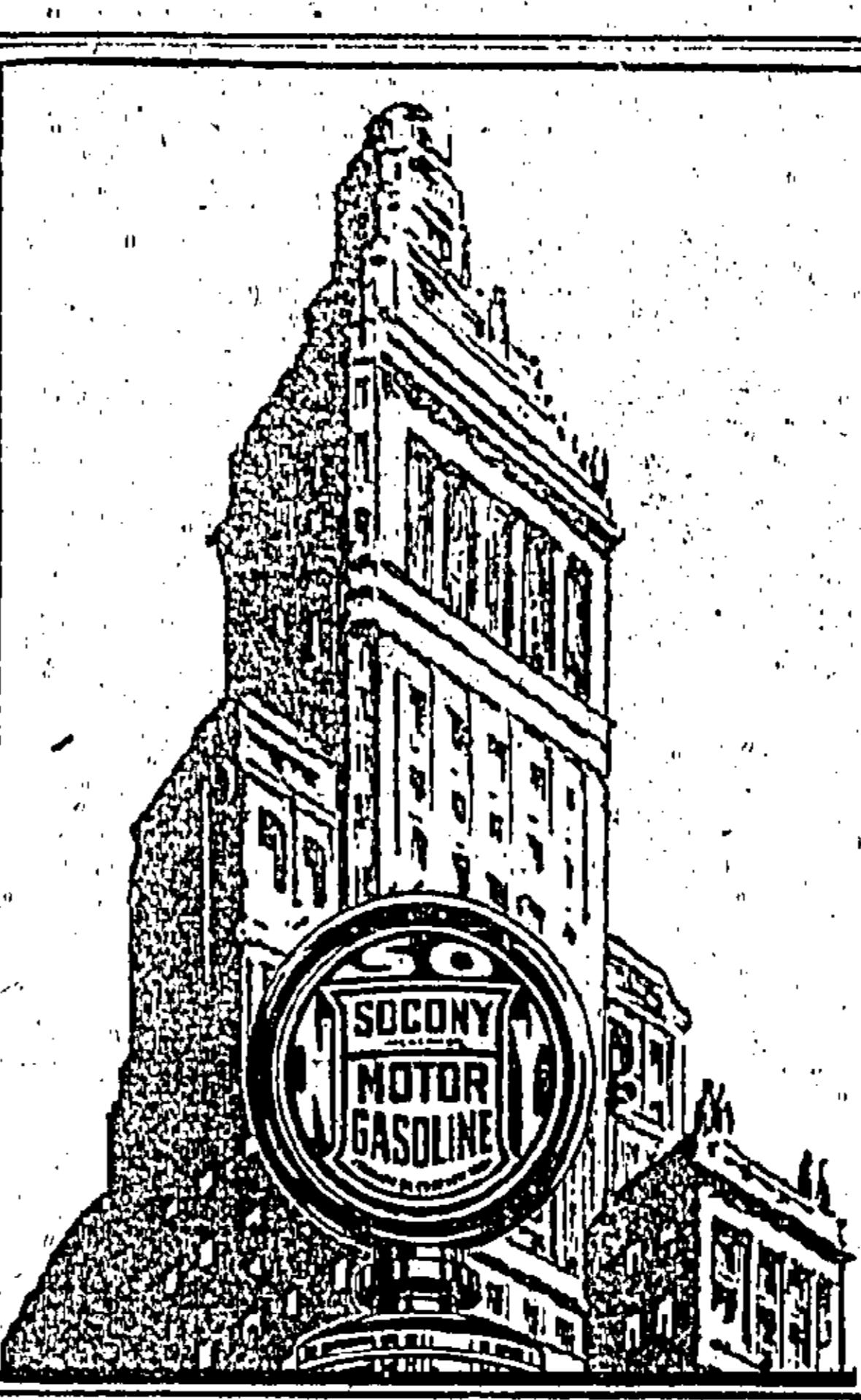
I should also like to draw attention to Reuter's telegram of November 7th; which states that ex-Service women are participating for the first time at the London ceremony and it is hoped they will attend here.—Yours, etc.,

A. PIERCY,  
Secretary, British Legion.

## LOST MANUSCRIPT.

OSCAR WILDE'S "DUCHESS  
OF PADUA."

New York, Nov. 9. The long-sought manuscript of Oscar Wilde's play "Duchess of Padua," hitherto believed to have been lost or destroyed, has just been discovered. It consists of 226 pages of Wilde's exquisite handwriting, brought from England last week by the actor son of a Bloomsbury printer and is now in the possession of the President of the Anderson Galleries.—Reuter's American Service.

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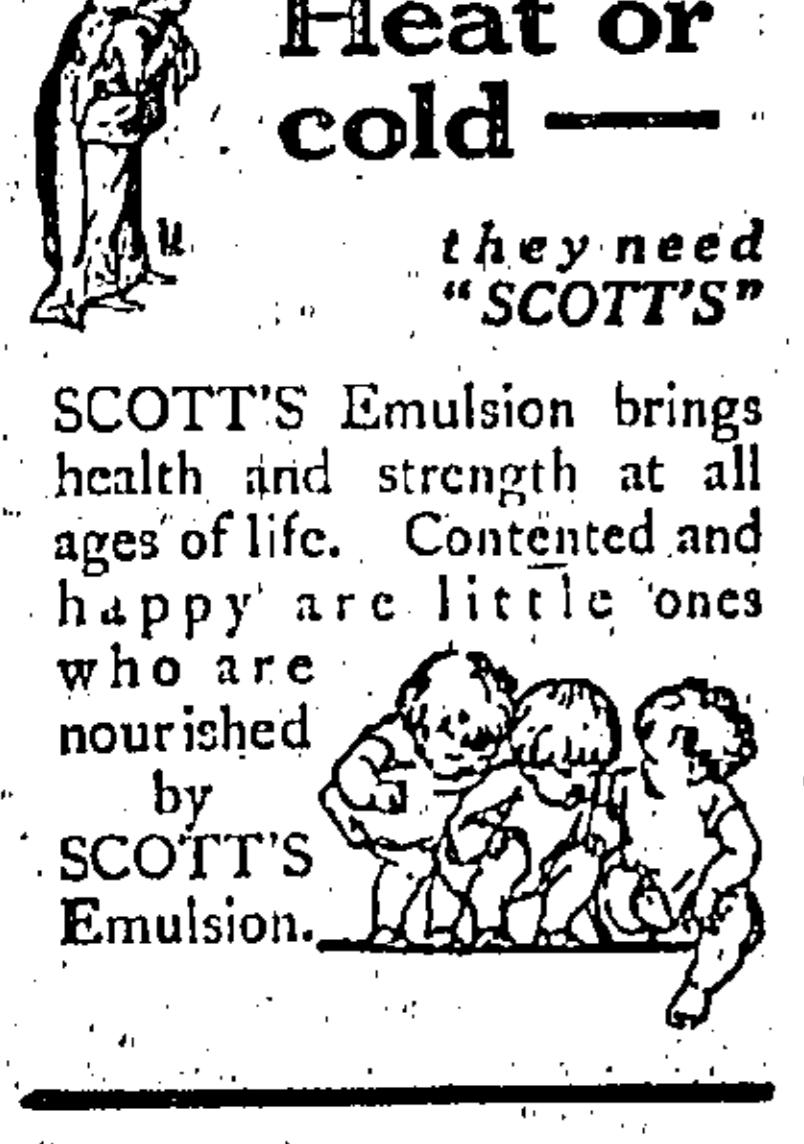
The offer of a cup of tea was the beginning of a romance which led to the wedding of an 84-year-old widower and a 73-year-old widow at Bromley (Kent). The bridegroom was Mr. W. Hallimore and the bride was Mrs. Ford, who met one Sunday in the public gardens at Bromley. Mrs. Ford handed Mr. Hallimore a cup of tea

from a flask, and they had cups of tea together afterwards every afternoon. Some of their children and grand-children were present at yesterday's wedding.

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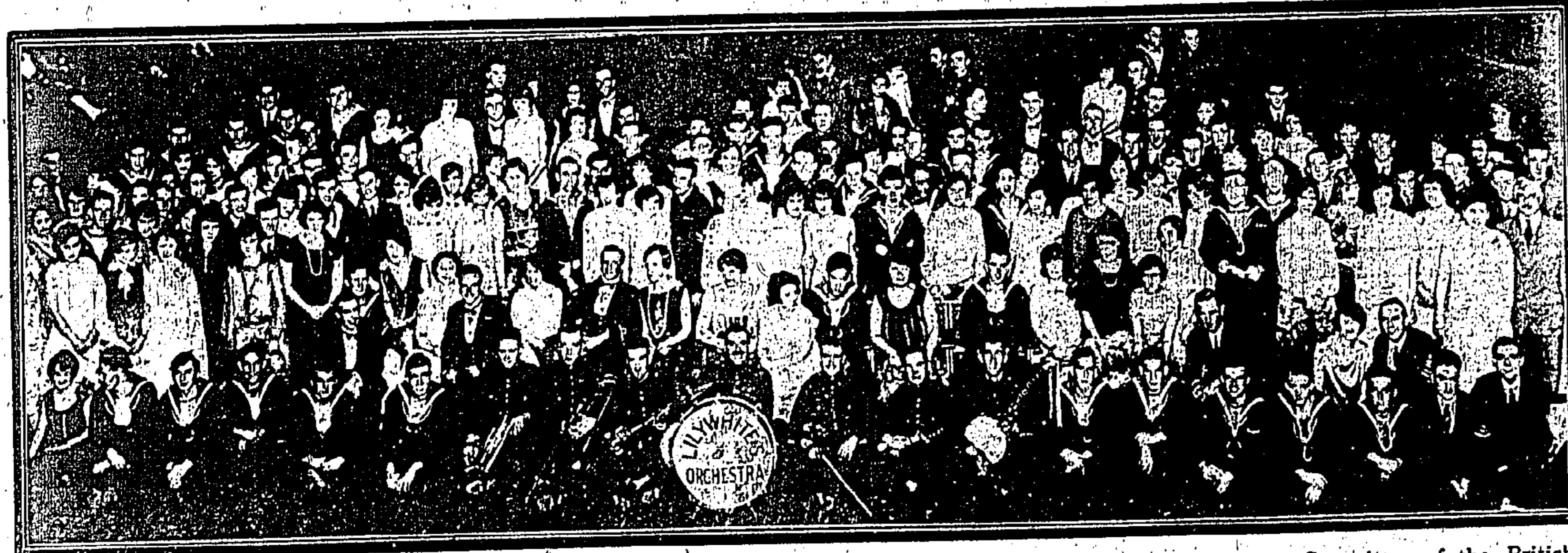
MARINES OFFICER'S WEDDING.—Group taken at the Majestic Hotel, where the reception was held, after the wedding at Shanghai recently of Lieut. Charles Manaton Grosvenor Luxmoore, 12th Battalion, the Royal Marines, and Miss Frances Dalton Turrall. The bridesmaid was Miss A. Campbell, and the best man Captain Johnson, R.M. Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, K.C.B., D.S.O., C. in C. China Station, is seated on the bride's left.



FORMER SEA RAIDER.—Count Felix von Luckner, former German world war sea raider, and the Countess von Luckner, are now touring the United States. The countess is shown trying out the aquaplane at a beach near Los Angeles.



F. A. B. DANCE AT THE CERCLE SPORTIF.—Members of the S. V. C. Field Artillery Battery (Hows), gave a most enjoyable dance at the Cercle Sportif Francais, Shanghai. A feature of the evening was the presentation to Major E. B. Macnaghten, C.M.G., D.S.O., O. C. Battery, of a silver cigarette box, embossed with the crest of the F. A. B. Major Macnaghten left Shanghai on furlough recently.



R. N. AND R. A. F. DANCE.—The Town Hall at Shanghai was the scene of a delightful dance, given by the Entertainment Committee of the British Women's Association, for men of the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force. Lily White's orchestra was in great form.



SOME OF THE CAST IN "THE CREAKING CHAIR."—Left to right: Mr. K. Hawcett as Edwin Latter; Miss Esme Barton, as Sylvia Latter; Mr. K. E. Newman, as Angus Holly; Mrs. W. Isenman, as Anita Latter; Mr. G. Crane as Oliver Hart (of Scotland Yard); Mr. R. C. Johnson as Jim Bates (a detective); Mr. C. Fletcher as Henley (a detective); and, seated, Mr. Ian Both, as John Cutting. They appear in "The Creaking Chair," being staged by Shanghai amateurs.

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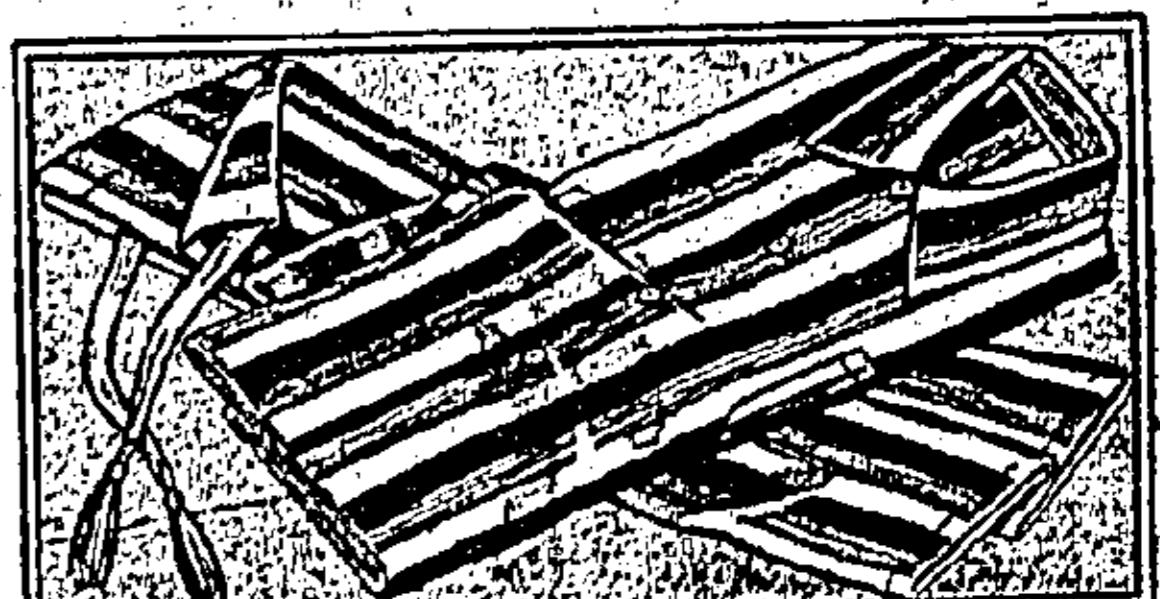
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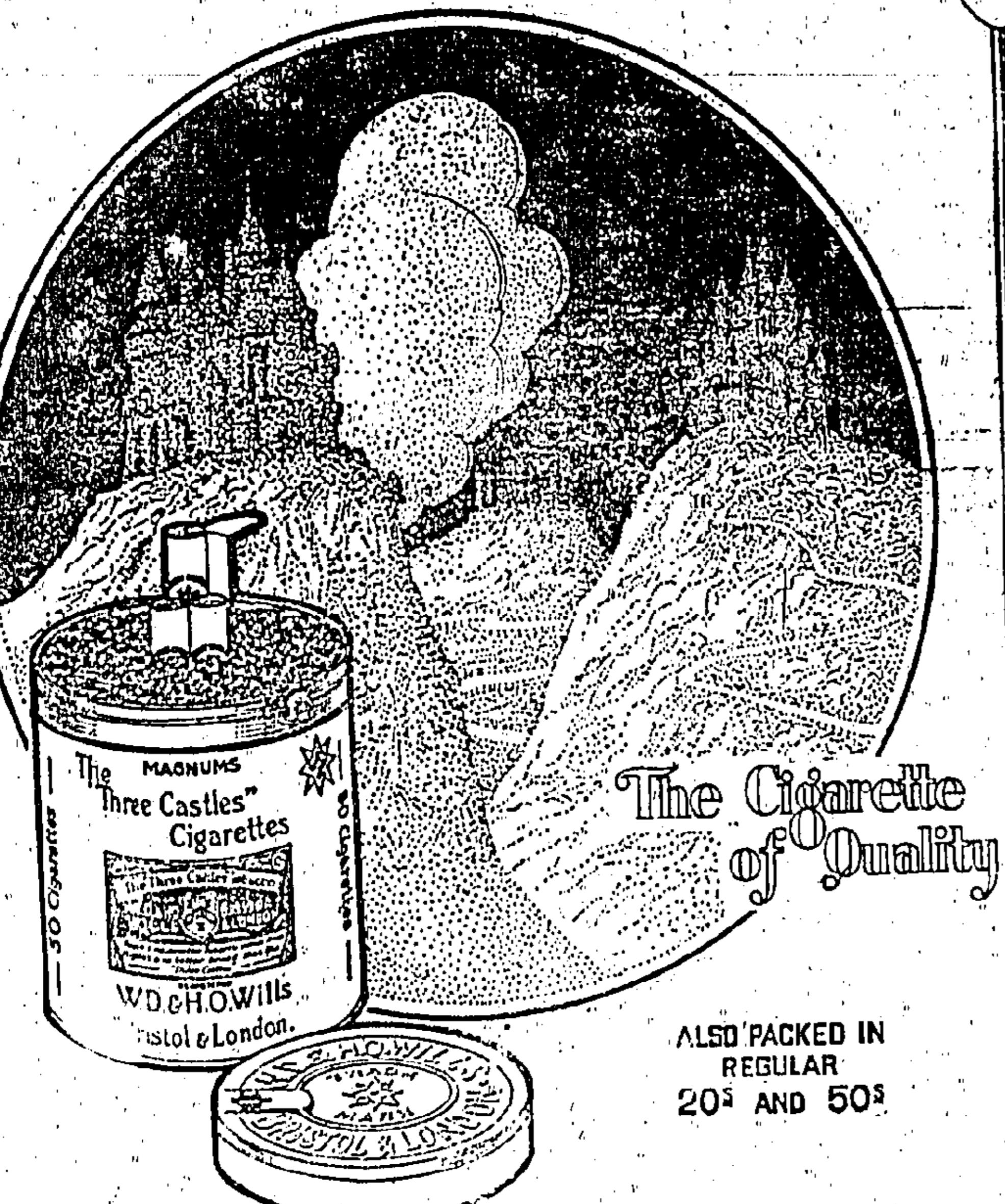
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## TREVESSA TROPHY.

### DUTCH BOAT WINS FINE RACE.

After a most exciting struggle between crews from the Kwangtung, the Trevessa Trophy, the eighth bi-annual race for which was held yesterday, was won by the Tjisalak, Mr. Hen, the helmsman, thus scoring the fourth successive Dutch success, and the fifth since the trophy was put up for competition.

The Kwangtung boat, with Mr. Jones in charge, held the lead for practically the whole way, but near the winning line experienced trouble with her halyards, and the Tjisalak assisted by a sudden breeze, came up to win by only four of five lengths.

Eight boat crews entered, two from the s.s. Tjisalak and one each from the s.s. Kwangtung, Hainyang, Hinsang, Van Heutz, Kwangtung, and Henry Kewick. The course was the usual one, starting from Channel Rocks, thence to Kowloon Rock (P), mark of Yacht Club (S), Cist Rock Gas Buoy (P), and at the Yacht Club across the line from East to West.

Kwangtung Sails Well.

With tide fairly slack, but a keen breeze blowing, the race was started shortly after four o'clock. The Kwangtung (Mr. Jones) which drew the birth next to the Channel Rocks got away well, but was led round the Kowloon Rock by the Hinsang. On meeting with a good wind on the run down to the Yacht Club, however, the lugsail of the Kwangtung was much more effective than the lateen sail carried by the Hinsang, and she went through the weather of the latter boat easily, the Van Heutz (Mr. Hendriks) rounding the mark in third place, the others being strung out at fairly close intervals.

Mr. Beets in the Tjisalak boat fouled the mark at the Yacht Club, interfering with the Henry Kewick, and was disqualified.

Tjisalak Pulls Up.

Mr. Hen, the ultimate winner, in the Tjisalak boat was some time getting into trim, but after rounding the mark, began to pull up in great style.

After Cist Rock had been rounded, the race became really exciting, for after the Kwangtung appeared to be holding her position, she lost considerable ground by working over too close to the Hongkong side before dowsing her sail.

She proceeded to row from the A.P.C. and her crew were going very strongly, but the Tjisalak found a fresh wind with some sailing in it and crossed the line in ball on a starboard tack, beating the Kwangtung by four or five lengths only. The victory came as a surprise, for the Kwangtung had looked an almost certain winner all the way, and merely for the satisfaction to be derived from the passing round of honours, she had the warm support of the majority.

Two Disqualifications.

The Hinsang, which was the third boat to cross the line, and the Van Heutz, the fourth, were disqualified for using eight oars.

The following are the detailed results:

	Time	Act. Time	Time
Tjisalak (Mr. Hen)	4:56.48	4:56.48	4:56.48
Kwangtung (Mr. Jones)	5:08.49	55.52	55.52
Hinsang (Mr. Linsen)	5:08.49	59.30	59.30
Tjisalak (Mr. Hendriks)	5:02.39	61.26	61.26
Kwangtung (Mr. Ford)	5:02.41	61.22	61.22
Hainyang (Mr. Shimai)	5:02.58	61.08	61.08
Henry Kewick (Grootenh)	5:22.81	81.12	81.12
Tjisalak (Mr. De Bruyn)	D.N.F.		

The Presentation.

At the conclusion of the race, there was a cheerful gathering at the clubhouse of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, under whose auspices the race is held, and the Commodore, Mr. A. L. Shields presented the trophy and a souvenir to Mr. Hen, the helmsman of the winning boat.

Commodore Shields mentioned the epic of seamanship in commemoration of which a member of the Club had presented the trophy in order to encourage sailing and pulling among boats of all nationalities entering the port of Hongkong.

Eight entries he said were by no means the largest they had had, but the circumstances under which the race was held were such that it was impossible to arrange for a time when big entries might be expected.

The J.C.J.L. had won the race for the fifth time, and they were to be heartily congratulated on their success. The Kwangtung and Tjisalak put up a good fight, though it was unfortunate for Mr. Jones that he experienced trouble with his halyards in the last few minutes.

## LOCAL GOLF.

### INTERNATIONAL MATCH ON SUNDAY.

Considerable interest is being taken in the annual match between the St. George's and St. Andrew's Societies which will take place over the old course at Fanling on Sunday. A number of the best players are away, but nevertheless the sides will be fairly representative and a very keen contest is expected. Four-somes will be played in the morning and a

cup will be awarded in the afternoon.

Capt. Fatin (St. George's) v Capt. E. Pender (St. Andrew's); Capt. C. Stark (St. George's) v Capt. E. Dodwell (St. Andrew's); Capt. R. Young (St. George's) v Capt. H. F. Bloxham (St. Andrew's); Capt. G. Murray (St. George's) v Capt. R. Adams (St. Andrew's); Capt. G. Macmillan (St. George's) v Capt. E. Morris (St. Andrew's); Capt. R. E. Macdowell (St. George's) v Capt. T. G. Bennett (St. Andrew's); Capt. W. W. Lyons-Smith (St. George's) v Capt. H. H. Shand (St. Andrew's); Capt. J. L. D. Dawson (St. George's) v Capt. A. E. Lissaman (St. Andrew's); Capt. E. B. Black (St. George's) v Capt. A. Leach (St. Andrew's); Capt. K. B. Robertson (St. George's) v Capt. M. M. Mass (St. Andrew's); Capt. G. S. MacLaren (St. George's) v Capt. D. R. Halifax (St. Andrew's).

Reserves: A. Ritchie and W. Bedveridge (St. Andrew's).

Times have been reserved, the first foursome starting off at 9:30 a.m.

The draw for the Governor's Shield is out. The first round has to be played on or before December 3, the second by December 18, the third by January 3, the semi-finals by January 16 and the final by January 29. The draw is as follows:

Byes: Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (V.M.), Grayburn and H.G. Hogarty, and R.A.M.C. (Majors Lynch and Stevenson).

B.A.T. (S.M. Mayes and F. Cowherd) v Kowloon-Canton Railway (G.D. Lambert and J. Smith); Canadian Pacific (Capt. Davison and T.C. Monaghan) v Govt. Medical Department (Drs. Newton and Valentine); Dodwell and Co. (T.F. Weall and L.G. Dodwell); v Linstead and Davis (S.T. Butlin and C.B. Brown); Mackinnon Mackenzie and Co. (W.L. Dunbar and H.E. Standage) v Wilkinson and Grist (D.H. Blaika and G.S. Hugh Jones); Vacuum Oil Company (L.H. Gerrold and A. Leach) v Scott Guards (Capts. Erskine and Tyringham); University (Professors Roffey and Redmond) v Harry Wicking (J. Owen, Hughes and H. Remington); South British Insurance (F.S. Harris and J.F. Kennedy) v Bank Line (A.H. Penn and D. Forbes); Jardine Matheson and Co. (W.B. Cornaby and A. Plerty) v Education Department (F.J. de Rome and A.O. Brown); A.P.C. (T.D.E. Pender and R. Wright); R.A.S.C. (Capts. Morris and Drysdale) v P.W.D. (G.B. Robertson and A.E. Lissaman).

Bye: China Underwriters (H.R. Sturt and A.J. Frank).

Eight firms have entered teams for the G. M. Young Cup. The first round of the competition has to be played on or before January 3, the second round by January 22 and the semi-finals by February 19. The draw is as follows: Tai Foo v Union Insurance; Chartered Bank v Asiatic Petroleum Company; Jardine Matheson and Co. v Mackinnon Mackenzie and Co.; Dodwell and Co. v Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

Preston's Labour clubs intend to make their own beer.

Lucky To Win So Often.

Mr. C. de Bruyn, manager of the J.C.J.L., expressed the pleasure of the Dutch line that their crew had again been successful. They had been lucky to win so often. He thought the thanks of all were due to the committee for the great trouble they had gone to in providing such an excellent afternoon's sport, and called for three cheers for all the crews which had competed, the cheers being heartily accorded.

Previous Winners.

Previous winners of the event have been:

April, 1924: Tjipanas (J.C.J.L.)

November, 1924: Holphong (Dough-

las).

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October, 1926: Haining (Douglas).

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### THE INDIAN REFORMS.

It appears as if much of the good work done, by the reform programme in India these past few years, may be undone should the controversy that is arising in that country be permitted to develop. There seems to be much bitterness owing to the absence of any Indian representative from the commission, which has been appointed by the British Government to investigate the working of the reforms, and make suggestions thereon. Apparently the Indians fear that the composition of this commission is such as to lay it open to bias, so that its findings would be unfavourable to extended concessions, or possibly would comprise recommendations for repeal of present measures granted towards self-government. The reforms question is a wide one, with Indianisation of the services one of the attendant issues. It is known that the concessions already made have satisfied few. In the case of the radical Nationalists, they have been a disappointment, and the more moderate Indians have merely awaited their working to observe where they could be improved and extended. All parties have looked to the reforms as preliminary steps to something more in the way of concessions. The extremists, like the Swarajists, have never felt satisfied by what has been granted. In a way the subject is purely an Indian issue, but the British Government must persevere to decide what policy is to be followed. So far as the personnel of the commission of enquiry goes, it is unchallengeable from the point of view of ability, experience, or fairness. But its lack of the native element lays it open to criticism, and this has not been wanting. It remains for Britain to consider whether some concession to Indian opinion cannot yet be made.

One can hardly be expected to assess the full importance of Indian politics at this distance, but the Government at Home must have a proper knowledge of affairs, with the advisers of the Indian Government, in close touch, with events, relaying their views to London. Yet it seems that a blunder is about to be committed. The masses of

India have no more than a transient interest in the question of their administration, so long as it be impartial and efficient. But there has grown up a very large element of pseudo-reformers who are sometimes agitators of the worst type. Now, with the spread of Bolshevik doctrines to the country, it behoves the authorities not in any way to offend the susceptibilities of the loyalists, who are willing co-operators in the attempt gradually to introduce reforms, and to advance by degrees towards the self-government which has become the main plank of nearly every Indian political platform. In the discussion of Indian affairs of such magnitude and importance, it seems reasonable to suppose that Indian representation would be a valuable assistance to the Commission. It may be that the difficulty has been to choose certain persons without seeming to give any particular section of the communities special attention: yet that is a matter which the Raj itself should be capable of deciding. Perhaps the storm of protest which has followed the appointment of a Commission without a single Indian representative, will influence the British Government towards early reconsideration of this exclusive policy.

Items in the topical gazette showing at the Queen's Theatre to-day are the winning of the Cesarewitch, the annual procession of judges for the opening of the Law Courts in London, and the launching of an Indian liner at Glasgow.

The cutting of the new road which has been driven through the waste land behind King's Terrace, connecting Nathan Road and Cox's Road Kowloon, was practically completed yesterday. The cut is now available for pedestrian traffic.

As the Yaumati ferry, Man Yee, was making a journey from Yaumati to Hongkong yesterday morning, Chinese jumped overboard, but was rescued by a member of the crew who dived in after him. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

All departments of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd. will be closed tomorrow, the 11th inst. The Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department will be open for the purpose of dispensing prescriptions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Sister Carati, of the Italian Convent, St. Francis' Yard, Wan-chai, has reported to the police that burglars effected an entrance into the chapel at about four o'clock yesterday afternoon. They stole two carpets and two brass candle sticks, the total value being \$67.

We are informed that on the last voyage from Hongkong to Sydney, the s.s. "St. Albans" was in collision with an American steamer the s.s. "Crown City." The latter vessel was reported to be leaking and proceeded to Athol Bay (Sydney Harbour) where she dropped anchor.

A coolie employed by the Fa Ki knitting factory, Portland Street, Yaumati, has absconded with singlets worth \$200, according to a report made to the police by the master of the factory. It appears that the coolie was told to deliver the singlets to the Wong Sang Ha, in Queen's Road Central, but he did not do so.

One of the Kowloon Magistracy coolies prosecuted a Chinese girl before Mr. W. Schofield on a charge of larceny of a pair of trousers from the Court compound. The defendant was said to have taken the garment after leaving the Court yesterday. Sentence of seven days' imprisonment with the option of a fine of \$5, was imposed.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 13 arrivals and 17 departures, of which four and five respectively were British. Tonnage was extremely low, with freights showing a considerable decrease, there being only one four figure registry inward and one through. At 9 a.m. there were 49 vessels in harbour, of which 19 were British.

A hawker, who appeared before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a charge of selling his wares within the limits of the Yaumati market, was stated to have had his license cancelled last year for repeatedly committing this offence. By giving a different name and address he managed to obtain another license this year. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

Mr. T. A. Martin, of Messrs. Caldbeck, McGregor and Company, yesterday reported to the police that provisions to the value of \$540, belonging to the Company, who recently delivered from the Kowloon Godown by means of the presentation of a delivery order bearing a forged chop. An employee has been reported as absent from duty from the office since November 1. It is alleged, in consequence of this misappropriation.

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### DAY BY DAY.

EVERYTHING IS SWEETENED BY RISK.—Alexander Smith.

A 16-years old Chinese girl fell from the roof of No. 279 Portland Street, Yaumati, to the street yesterday, and received injuries which necessitated her removal to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

"Felix" the cat is to be seen in the new programme at the Queen's Theatre to-day in an amusing new cartoon, "Felix Busts Into Business," which will be greatly enjoyed by those who enjoy the antics of this quaint creature.

Items in the topical gazette showing at the Queen's Theatre to-day are the winning of the Cesarewitch, the annual procession of judges for the opening of the Law Courts in London, and the launching of an Indian liner at Glasgow.

The cutting of the new road which has been driven through the waste land behind King's Terrace, connecting Nathan Road and Cox's Road Kowloon, was practically completed yesterday. The cut is now available for pedestrian traffic.

As the Yaumati ferry, Man Yee, was making a journey from Yaumati to Hongkong yesterday morning, Chinese jumped overboard, but was rescued by a member of the crew who dived in after him. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

All departments of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd. will be closed tomorrow, the 11th inst. The Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department will be open for the purpose of dispensing prescriptions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Sister Carati, of the Italian Convent, St. Francis' Yard, Wan-chai, has reported to the police that burglars effected an entrance into the chapel at about four o'clock yesterday afternoon. They stole two carpets and two brass candle sticks, the total value being \$67.

We are informed that on the last voyage from Hongkong to Sydney, the s.s. "St. Albans" was in collision with an American steamer the s.s. "Crown City." The latter vessel was reported to be leaking and proceeded to Athol Bay (Sydney Harbour) where she dropped anchor.

A coolie employed by the Fa Ki knitting factory, Portland Street, Yaumati, has absconded with singlets worth \$200, according to a report made to the police by the master of the factory. It appears that the coolie was told to deliver the singlets to the Wong Sang Ha, in Queen's Road Central, but he did not do so.

One of the Kowloon Magistracy coolies prosecuted a Chinese girl before Mr. W. Schofield on a charge of larceny of a pair of trousers from the Court compound. The defendant was said to have taken the garment after leaving the Court yesterday. Sentence of seven days' imprisonment with the option of a fine of \$5, was imposed.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 13 arrivals and 17 departures, of which four and five respectively were British. Tonnage was extremely low, with freights showing a considerable decrease, there being only one four figure registry inward and one through. At 9 a.m. there were 49 vessels in harbour, of which 19 were British.

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### CANTON TREASURY BONDS.

GOVERNMENT PROMISES A REFUND.

In response to the appeal of representatives of the native bankers and merchants, on Tuesday the Canton Government has shown its willingness to assist native bankers in connexion with the prevailing unfavourable money market conditions in the city.

During the past two months more than thirty cases of bankruptcy, with liabilities totalling from three of four million dollars, have been declared at Canton among importers and exporters who deal with districts along the three principal rivers (The West, East, and North Rivers).

The insolvency of these enterprises, according to a Canton report, is due mainly to the issue of \$10,000,000 Government Treasury Bonds which native bankers and merchants were forced to buy during the bank note troubles which occurred in Canton a few months ago.

Depositors in native banks, believing that the banks suffered heavily for being forced to buy these treasury bonds and could not continue in business for any length of time, drew back their money from the banks. Subsequently not a few of the native banks had to close their doors because of this.

Since then money in the city has been tight and bankers have been cautious in advancing money for trade transactions. Consequently, the importers and exporters whose usual practice is to borrow from the banks loans for short period transactions have been seriously affected.

Wang Ching-wai Interviewed.

On Tuesday, Mr. Wang Ching-wai, the new chairman of the Canton Political Council, in an interview with Mr. Kong Hung-yan, a prominent Canton merchant, who represented the native bankers, regarding the Government Treasury Bonds, declared that, in response to the request of the bankers, he would deliberate with his colleagues on the matter, at the first opportunity, adding that if possible the Government would refund to the merchants at least one or two million dollars' worth of Treasury Bonds within a few days' time.

Clara Blackman, aged sixty-nine, street-singer, of Clifton-place, S.W., who appeared at Marlborough-street Police Court on a charge of placing herself for alms-gathering at Oxford-street, called Mrs. Bradley, wife of the secretary of Messrs. Watney, Combe, and Reid, for her defence.

Mrs. Bradley stated that she was first attracted to Blackman by her sweet voice and her appearance. She knew her to be perfectly honest, and had helped her whenever she could.

Mr. Mead bound Blackman over.

I happen, unfortunately, to be a politician.—Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.

Marriage is an increasing cause of human unhappiness.—Mr. Booth-Tarlington.

Boys are apt to think music is something which exists just for girls.—The Duchess of Atholl.

The British Legion is one of the greatest possible safeguards of the British Constitution.—Lord Jellicoe.

Child audiences are altogether delightful, with none of that icy feeling one gets with adult audiences.—Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

A new slot machine containing pocket-handkerchiefs has appeared in London.

There are now slot machines for chocolate, cigarettes, matches, clean towels, weight registration, hook-brush operation, drinking cups, fruits, name-plates, automatic games, and pocket-handkerchiefs.

No doubt the time is at hand when we will simply have to put a coin in the slot, and, hey presto! a whisky and soda, a trouser button, a boofie, luggage tags, and other little trifles in life further away in the case of an emergency.

There is no saying where it will stop. The exasperated man who watches, aghast, his train filter forth without him, may perhaps have the solace and comfort of the automatic machine to provide him with a book entitled "Trains and how to catch them," by Miss Emmie Swear.

It was stated at an inquest at Leeds, on Eliza Beecher Lamson Hume, (46), of Rockwood Crescent, York-road, that, on the advice of a friend, she had taken a concoction of pigs' feet boiled up and ground into a powder and taken as a kind of tea as a cure for diabetes. A verdict was returned that death was caused by diabetes, accelerated by gastritis, due to improper food.

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## QUEZON'S VISIT TO AMERICA.

## REPORTED SELECTION OF GOVERNOR GENERAL.

## PHILIPPINES QUESTIONS.

The identity of the next Governor General of the Philippines is believed to have been revealed in a cable received last Friday by Speaker Manuel Roxas from Senate President Manuel Quezon who is reported as having described him as one well informed on local conditions and acceptable to Filipinos.

The cable received by Speaker Roxas is understood to have been sent by Mr. Quezon after he and Senator Sergio Osmeña, special envoy of the insular legislature, had seen President Coolidge.

"We have been well received by the President," Mr. Quezon is reported as saying in his cable stating that he expects another conference with the federal chief executive.

Speaker Roxas when asked of the contents of the cable refused to discuss it, excusing himself with the statement he did not feel it proper to talk of the matter for publication.

In legislative circles last night, the rumour was current that former Governor General William Cameron Forbes will be named by President Coolidge. Many believe he already has been appointed.

There are those however, who were of the opinion that Major General Frank G. McIntyre, chief of the bureau of insular affairs, has greater possibilities for the governorship.

## Call by Filipino Leader.

Washington, Nov. 3.—Calling on President Coolidge to-day for an intimate discussion of Philippine affairs, Senator Manuel Quezon assured the President that he had no recommendation to make regarding the successor to the late General Wood. He said he felt that a satisfactory man would be named.

No sooner had the Filipino leaders left the White House than Representative Underhill made a plea to Mr. Coolidge against any change in the President's sentiments toward independence, on the ground that the islands were not ready for independence.

Mr. Underhill, when interviewed, said that he told the President that while Quezon is in the United States spreading propaganda for independence, the Philippine house had passed a bill to permit 6,000 lepers to leave the colony and return to their homes.

He added, "This is an evidence that the Filipinos are not ready for independence. Here they would set aside with one stroke the great work on which the late Governor Wood spent so much time perfecting. It is an evidence of irresponsibility and should convince anyone that the greatest boon in the Philippines is American supervision over their government."

Mr. Quezon expressed a hope that the President would choose a man who knows by personal contact something of the Philippine problem. There are indications at the White House that this is Mr. Coolidge's intention.

## Independence Taboo.

The insular senate president said that he did not mention independence to the President. He was accompanied to the White House by Senator Sergio Osmeña, Commissioner Guevara and Secretary of War Davis.

It is not known how soon General Wood's successor will be appointed, but it is believed that Mr. Coolidge has decided upon a man who knows the islands intimately. The name of David P. Barrows, which has been mentioned frequently in the past, was brought forward prominently to-day. Barrows, now a professor at the University of California, has a long record of achievement in the Philippines and Orient. He is understood to be without particular political backing, but it is said that arguments which friends advanced for his availability met with satisfaction at the White House.

Mr. Quezon declined to comment as to whether President Coolidge had intimated a change of administration policy toward the Philippines, as expressed in his letter some time ago to Representative Manuel Roxas.

The conference lasted for an hour and ten minutes. At its conclusion, the Filipino delegation went to the office of Secretary Davis. Mr. Quezon said that the President invited them to return for further discussion if any was desired.

Senator Osmeña arrived from Syracuse, N.Y., at 6.20 this morning. He said, "My son, Jesus, a student at Cornell, is seriously ill in the hospital there, but there is improvement."

Senator Quezon was asked to-day whether he had approved an inter-island shipping bill which would permit foreign ship owners to replace their obsolete vessels with new ones.

## BALKANS TRIAL CONCLUDES.

## COMMUNISTS GET HEAVY SENTENCES.

Budapest, Nov. 9.

Most of the accused Communists who were recently on trial have been found guilty.

Zoltan Szanto has been sentenced to 8½ years', and Vagi to 4½ years' imprisonment, with 10 years' loss of political rights.

Two others of the accused have been sentenced to 4 years', one to 3½ years', and thirty others to from 8 months' to 2½ years' imprisonment.

Ten of the men were acquitted. There were wild scenes during the reading of the sentences. The prisoners cheered Bolshevism, interrupting the judge in the course of the trial.

The chief of police denied an allegation that the prisoners' confessions were extorted under torture.—*Reuters*.

A message of October 17 stated: The trial has opened of two Communists and former members of the People's Commissary, named Zoltan Szanto and Eugene Landner, and the leader of the extreme left wing of Labour, named Vagi, with 55 associates. They are charged with spreading Bolshevik revolutionary propaganda under orders from the Moscow International.

## NAVAL CONSTRUCTION.

## CRUISER PROGRAMME DELAYED.

London, Nov. 9.

Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said that the following vessels were under construction for the navy. One battleship, twelve cruisers, four river gunboats, six submarines, two minesweepers, one submarine repair ship and one repair ship.

The following vessels were completed during the last twelve months: One battleship, one minesweeper, and one submarine.

He was asked whether the cruisers which were to have been laid down this year had been delayed, and Mr. Bridgeman replied that the cruisers in this year's programme had not been laid down. The matter was under consideration at the present moment.—*British Wireless*.

## TAI PING THEATRE SCUFFLE.

## FIREMEN SUMMONED FOR ASSAULT.

Five Chinese members of the Fire Brigade appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistrate this morning on two charges of assault, the complainant in one case being the door-keeper of the Tai Ping theatre, Des Voeux Road West, and in the other, a Chinese detective sergeant named Wong Kam.

The defendants are Ho Kam-tai, (stoker); Choi Kam and Chan Chan (firemen); and Cheung Tai and Kwok Wa-sing (seamen). The scuffle took place outside the Tai Ping theatre and the "detective" alleges that he was injured when he tried to stop the fight.

The first and fifth men, Ho Kam-tai and Kwok Wa-sing, both admitted assaulting the door-keeper of the theatre, but the other three made a complete denial.

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## TO-MORROW'S DAY OF REMEMBRANCE.

## ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE IN CATHEDRAL.

## OTHER ARRANGEMENTS.

To-morrow is the ninth anniversary of Armistice Day and its observance in Hongkong as a day of remembrance will follow former lines to a very large extent.

A special Armistice Day Service will be held at St. John's Cathedral at 9.45 a.m., and the preacher will be the Rev. L. Webb, C.F. After the service the "Last Post" and "Reveille" will be sounded in the Cathedral by buglers from the K.O.S.B. A collection will be taken for the St. Dunstan's Home for Blind Soldiers and Sailors.

H. E. The Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G.) will lay a wreath at the Cathedral Memorial.

There will be the usual impressive ceremony at the Cenotaph, a representative assembly including units from the Army, Navy, Volunteers, Red Cross and the E.A.S.M.A. attending. H. E. The Officer Administering the Government will lay a wreath on behalf of the Colonial Government.

Two minutes' silence will be observed at eleven o'clock in solemn remembrance of those who made the supreme sacrifice.

The usual street sale of poppies on behalf of Earl Haig's Fund has been arranged, and the organisers anticipate an even greater response than the excellent efforts of previous years.

The E.A.S.M.A. annual dinner will be held in the evening.

Armistice Day is being observed as a General Holiday.

## SOVIET SHIP TO BE RELEASED.

## SEIZURE AT EGYPTIAN PORT.

Alexandria, Nov. 9.—The Mixed Court has ordered the release of the Soviet ship Chicherin, which is departing immediately.—*Reuters*.

A Cairo message of October 30 stated:

According to the newspaper Al Ahram, the Russian steamer Chicherin, was seized while leaving Alexandria for Odessa, with 200,000 worth of cotton recently purchased by Soviet representatives in Egypt. The newspaper adds that the Egyptian Government is unaware of the seizure, which was ordered by the Mixed Court at the request of the Societe Maritime Egyptienne, the owners of the s.s. Inkerman, which was seized by the Soviet early in September.

## POWHATTEN SWEEP.

## THE WINNING NUMBERS.

We have been advised that the 1st and 2nd prizes in the above sweeps have been drawn by Hongkong ticket holders:

1st Prize Ticket No. 16299 drawn by Charcoal.

2nd Prize Ticket No. 16292 drawn by Young Bill.

We are also informed that Mr. Castro, of the Orient Tobacco Factory is the holder of ticket 16299, and the Mrs. F. Bayot is the holder of ticket 16292.

A social gathering will be held in the Cathedral Hall, on Sunday next after Evensong (6 p.m.). A cordial welcome will be extended to all Service Men and others.

## INVOLVED?



A recent portrait of Signor Marconi, who was stated by counsel to be too ill to attend a Chancery Division hearing of an application for reducing the Marconi Company's capital by nearly half. Opposing shareholders made allegations against the directorate amounting to charges of fraud.

## TO-DAY'S WEDDING AT ST. JOSEPH'S.

## PROMINENT BELGIAN VISITOR MARRIED.

Of considerable interest was the wedding which took place this morning, of the Baron Baudouin Guillaume and Madame Phillippe, Baron Guillaume, who is Inspector of the well-known financial institution of the Credit Foncier d'Extreme Orient, is on a special mission to the Far East in connexion with his organization. He is a brother of the present Belgian envoy plenipotentiary to Peking.

The bride, who came from Belgium, arrived here yesterday on the Messageries Maritimes liner Porthos.

The wedding took place at St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road, the ceremony being performed by his Lordship Bishop Valtorta, who was assisted by Father d'Alaya, with Father Rigant presiding at the organ.

The bride was given away by M. C. Lem, the manager of the Banque de Indo-chine, and the witnesses were M. Dufaure de la Prado, the French Consul, and M. G. Bousius, the Belgian Consul.

Amongst those present at the wedding, and at the reception which followed at Lane Crawford's Restaurant, were Mrs. Southorn, wife of H. E. The Officer Administering the Government, Dr. Wagner, the German Consul and prominent members of the French and Belgian communities.

## POLICE OL' CLO' AUCTIONED.

## A SIDELINE OF LOCAL TRADE.

It may sometimes be wondered what becomes of the considerable quantity of cast-off boots and other police equipment after it comes within the category of old and useless stores.

The question was solved at an auction held in the compound of the Central Police Station this morning, when amongst the articles disposed of were 900 pairs of large-sized policemen's boots and about an equal number of cast-off khaki uniforms.

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Other revelations were, that cast-off woolen putties were manufactured into caps, after they had been cut up into the requisite lengths; guards' khaki uniforms were sold to coolies glad of a cheap suit in this chilly weather, and bronze cartridge cases were melted down and refashioned into more useful articles.

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## OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

## SOME ELECTRIC SHOCKS MORE SERIOUS.

## THE SENSATION FELT.

In a consideration of electric shock observed in industry in Chicago, Dr. H. E. Fisher says that many accidents occur between 9 and 11 a.m. and between 2 and 3 p.m.

In the first period he believes digestion is at its height and is accompanied by drowsiness; in the afternoon period fatigue is probably somewhat stronger than at other times. More cases of electric shock occur in the summer time, with July as the month of greatest frequency. This is attributed to the fact that heat and excessive perspiration make the body surfaces susceptible to more positive contact. Workmen therefore receive a much greater force of current. The same is true of workmen with wet clothing.

According to Dr. Fisher, the things that determine the severity of electric shock are the nature of the current, whether direct or alternating; the strength of the current, amperage, voltage, ground connexion; the season of the year; the weather, whether wet or dry, clear or rainy; the length of time the person may be in contact with the rail, wire or other source of electricity; indirect injuries resulting from the fall; the general state of the person's health; the portion of the body in contact with the conductor of electricity; the extent of the surface involved, and the fear element.

An investigation of the sensations felt by persons who have suddenly been shocked brings out the information that the person first feels a sensation of extreme blows over the entire body. The muscles contract strongly, drawing themselves into knots. There is also apparently the feeling of a review of all one's past life in the space of a few seconds, similar to the feeling that is supposed to come with drowning.

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## THE WORLD OF SPORT.



### CHESS WEARINESS.

#### TWENTY-SIXTH GAME DRAWN.

Buenos Aires, Nov. 9.  
The 26th game for the world's chess championship, between Capablanca and Alekhine, has been drawn.—*Reuter's American Service*

#### The Match Explained.

The duel between Capablanca and Alekhine opened nearly two months ago—on September 18—and as the first to win 6 games is to be champion, it will be realised that the match is capable of lasting almost indefinitely, for up to date (so far as can be gathered from the cabled reports) Capablanca has won two games, Alekhine three and 21 have been drawn. Capablanca resigned the first game to Alekhine, after 43 moves, and the latter won the twelfth game as well, after 40 moves. Capablanca won the third and the seventh, the latter after 35 moves.

Capablanca, the Cuban player, rose suddenly to prominence some years back by his marvellous exposition of master chess, and was up to recently acknowledged as the World's best player. His feats, however, have been equalled by Alekhine.

#### Alekhine the "Wizard."

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And, since style is the man, it is almost inevitable that they should be as unlike in methods as in personality. Capablanca is one of the greatest exponents of classical chess—perhaps the greatest—that the world has ever seen. The least showy of players, he is always content to open quietly and wear down an opponent by his superb judgment and accuracy.

#### Contrasts.

Alekhine, on the other hand, has been well described as a romantic, always engaged on making plans worked out with amazing imagination and brilliancy. His quite extraordinary memory has, of course, been demonstrated again and again. On one occasion he played a number of games simultaneously against 28 of the best players in France, sitting with his back to his opponents and playing without food for twelve hours. He won 22 games and lost three, the others being drawn. Another time he played, blindfold, 26 games simultaneously in New York, winning 16, drawing five, and losing five. Playing 54 simultaneous games in Paris, with the use of all his faculties, he won 46, drew five and lost only three.

Which of the three chess giants of the world—Capablanca, Lasker, and Alekhine—is the greatest it is impossible to say, for each at the top of his form has played games that are already classics and enlarged and enriched the technique of the game. But it can at least be said that, for dash, originality, and courage Alekhine is the most captivating player of his class.

#### FOOTBALL.

The following will represent the Hongkong Football Club 2nd XI, in their match against St. Joseph's College, on the latter's ground on Saturday, at 2.45 p.m.:

D. J. Purves, S. O. Hill, E. M. Hanlon, C. Vickers, D. Lyon, G. Punction, T. Rowell, R. Bell, W. L. Alexander, W. Wolegmuth, and R. Campbell.

### CRAIGENGOWER C.C.

#### THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual general meeting of the Craigengower Cricket Club will be held next Thursday at 5.30 p.m. The annual report which has just been circulated to members states:

Cricket. The Club entered a team in the First Division of the League Competition. The result was not very satisfactory. Mr. G. Ismail heads the batting average, and Mr. S. Abbin has the best bowling average.

Tennis. As usual, interest was well maintained throughout the season. The Club competed in the Lawn Tennis Association Tournament, entering teams in the B. and C. Divisions. The teams acquitted themselves creditably, finishing third in both of these Divisions.

A Tournament was held and resulted as under:

Singles Handicap: Mr. J. M. Silva; Runner up; Mr. H. Hamson.

Doubles Handicap: Messrs. J. M. Silva and H. M. Xavier; Runners up, Messrs. A. R. Remedios and A. A. Lewis.

Mixed Doubles: Unfinished.

Scratch Singles. This had to be cancelled owing to insufficient entries.

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## NEW SERIAL STORY

## THE MERAFIELD MYSTERY.

By R. A. J. WALLING.  
(Author of "The Third Dogree," "Fatal  
Glove," etc.)

So there was Mrs. Briscoe!

It was rather clever of me to find her out, she said, though against the rules. But really, there was nothing very clever about it. Knowing what I did about the Belle Rose I started, on my theory with great advantage. Knowing as I did that within miles of the place where I left her that night there was no shelter for a human being except Rosebank and Highcliff Farm, it was not very difficult to divine a boat.

"You remember," said I, "that when I left you I remarked that your plan was bound to put suggestions into my mind."

"Yes," she replied, "and I told you not to take any notice of them unless I called on you for help."

I explained that I should have been faithful to my promise unless exceptional circumstances had arisen, and I told her what they were.

She nodded. "I know. In fact, I have been to call on you for help. My friend Mrs. Franks told me you were here."

She made this astonishing observation in the most matter-of-fact fashion.

"Your friend?" I cried.

"Yes. Didn't you know? Mrs. Franks and I have become excellent friends. She's a woman in a thousand. A little Victorian, though I do speak to her adventurous husband, but really a fine, discriminating woman."

My astonishment grew as she spoke.

"It's unfair to mystify you. I wanted help badly when Bertram was pinched by that insufferable man Rossiter, and I went to you for it. But you had gone off to London on some fly-by-night expedition. Why can't respectable lawyers stay home and be there when they're wanted? It didn't matter in this case, because you've got such a superior wife. She helped me a lot more than you would have done, I'll bet you a pony."

My wife! I recalled the amusement in her tone when she asked if she should send any inquirer after me. Really, this was a very rapid young woman, and her pace was infectious.

"But now I want your help too. What's got to be done to-night is a man's job and not a woman's."

"This," said I, "is an excellent hiding place. But I warn you that the insufferable man Rossiter is getting especially busy to-day. I should not be surprised to see him break in upon us at any moment."

"I should," she said, with great composure. "He's had a tip about another hiding place far more important than this. That's what he's watching. And it's about that I want to speak to you. Don't you think we may as well go to Rosebank and talk it over?"

"You aren't afraid to be seen?"

"Mr. Franks! It's the first time in my life that any man has ever suggested to my face that I'm not presentable. Seriously, not even the insufferable Rossiter has any suspicion of me. This is only a suspicion down here, in case of a risk that isn't likely to happen now. I've been walking about quite openly all the time. In fact, I've been staying in the same hotel as Rossiter at Westport."

"I had lost my capacity for astonishment. It was just as well, seeing what followed.

"I may say, indeed, Mr. Franks, that Mr. Rossiter has developed quite a fondness for me—such a fondness that he wanted to kiss me last night, and only consented to postpone the ordeal on condition that I kissed him when he had found Major Overbury. I don't want to be kissed by Mr. Rossiter, and therefore it is imperative to prevent him from finding Major Overbury."

A gallant girl, but overwhelming. That was the only word for her. How gallant and how overwhelming I was to discover very soon.

Women are extraordinary. If a man has lived with one for thirty years, he generally prides himself on knowing what there is to be known about her. Vain fool!

When Mrs. Briscoe and I walked into Rosebank that afternoon my wife received us as though I had brought a casual acquaintance in to take afternoon tea. She called Mrs. Briscoe "My deary" and remarked upon the beauty of the weather, the salubrity of the air on Highcliff Creek, and the desirability of having a cup of tea, and the shape of Mrs. Briscoe's hat, and this and that. She behaved as though Mrs. Briscoe were an old friend of the family.

When we came to business, Mrs. Briscoe insisted that my wife should remain and share the conference. "Three heads were better than one," she said, and the head of

## CHOCHOW SIEGE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

War dragging on exactly as it dragged on against the Manchus, against the Mongols, against all the protagonists who have crowded the stage since the time of the Han. Time, as I have already said, is so utterly unimportant to the Chinese that one of the greatest spurts to human endeavour is absent.

## A Fatal Mistake.

That is proved by another incident this war has furnished. The main Shansi army was decisively beaten by the Fengtien army in an action fought round Shihchihchuan on October 14. But it was not until the 17th that Shihchihchuan—the terminus of the narrow gauge railway into Shansi was completely occupied, although the Manchurian outposts were in sight of the town all the time. During this interval of three days, Yen Hsi-shan, the Shansi Governor, was superintending and hastening the removal of the great stocks of munitions which had been piled up there—in anticipation of the march on Peking; in fact almost everything that Shansi possessed in the way of military supplies was lying in the town. Had the Fengtien victory of the fourteenth been pressed home all this would have been captured and Yen Hsi-shan would have been left empty-handed. As it is he has got away with enough to fight a long rearguard action.

Although he is a ruined man and his prestige is gone, he is not yet crushed, and the main Shansi passes have still to be captured or turned—a most formidable undertaking.

It should be always remembered, however, that Yen Hsi-shan is not the real enemy. The person Fengtien wishes to get at is Feng Yu-hsiang, the one-time Christian.

Yen Hsi-shan would be forgiven to-morrow morning if he will sue for peace and haul down the Kuomintang flag: there is always the faint hope that if he becomes a fugitive Feng Yu-hsiang will slip into the province, from the South and annex it—which would be a far greater peril for Peking as that would put an irreconcilable in direct touch again with Mongolia and Soviet Russia.

"Good getus," said Mrs. Briscoe. "It was very easy while Bertram was there—he could feed them and look after them. Bit of a doctor as well as a chemist, Bertram." But when Rossiter got him there was no way of doing it. The situation got very difficult. I saw that I should have to do it myself, and that was the reason of the plan you were so doubtful about that night at Highcliff Farm. I would have asked you to help, but seeing what your position was I recognised that it would be unfair. However, old Mason's a dear, a perfect dear, and we did it. If you guessed that there had been no escape, doubtless you guessed the rest, Mr. Franks?"

"You mean where Overbury hid? Yes. It was a mere guess. I had often noticed that the top storey of the tower had no windows. But I've no notion, even now, how it is reached."

"Happily, nobody else had any notion either, except Mason. He had been in the house many years. You get at it by a stairway in the wall from the study on the ground floor—very ingenious. It you can't find the entrance in the study, you can't get at it any other way. It's lit from the top, sort of skylights, or more like cressets. They tell me the tower was there long before the Tudor house was built. That would have been all right for ever, so long as Bertram was there. But then Major Overbury had to come out one night; and one of the servants—it was the footman—saw somebody crossing the front of the house by the fountain, and made a song about it. That was what eventually came to Rossiter's ears, and he put two and two together, and came to the same conclusion as you, except that he knew nothing about the tower."

"Then why can't Overbury stay there until Rossiter's attention has been diverted in another direction?"

"He could, but he won't. He insists on seeing the thing through."

"It seems to me to be folly to try and bring him along here to supper. But as to Major Overbury, he simply can't risk getting away before dark. I want you to go over to Merafield Tower before dark and spend a pleasant evening with Mason. Haven't you got something you can do in the library, look up something—law, or archaeology, or something—that would enable you to ask for Mason's assistance in finding a book every half-hour or so, and to give you the tip that Rossiter and his men are on the spot? I know it won't be till well after dark. Mason will give the word at the very last moment, when they're closing in."

"Then he will let you out through the yard or through the conservatory, whichever may be less closely watched, and you will walk quietly away through the gardens, keeping out of sight as much as you can. You'll probably be challenged before you reach the gate into the park, but either then, or immediately after, there will be a shot from the woods."

"You will start to run towards the woods—if you are alone—after the imaginary person you have been dodging in that direction. If you happen to be talking to a policeman at the moment, you will still imagine that you have seen a man dodging in that direction. Within three minutes all Rossiter's men will be after him. How does it strike you?"

"It doesn't," said I. "There are about twenty ways it may break down."

She looked disappointed.

"I thought it a lovely plan," she said.

"Is Mason entirely in your confidence?" I asked.

"Yes, and, as I said, he's been a dear."

"Then if you'll leave it to me, I'll create a diversion without much risk or noise," said I. "I suppose all Overbury wants is a clear field for five minutes between halfpast eleven and twelve the Rossiter will have no hint about the boat?"

"Not a whisper."

"Then Overbury shall be at the appointed spot at the appointed time."

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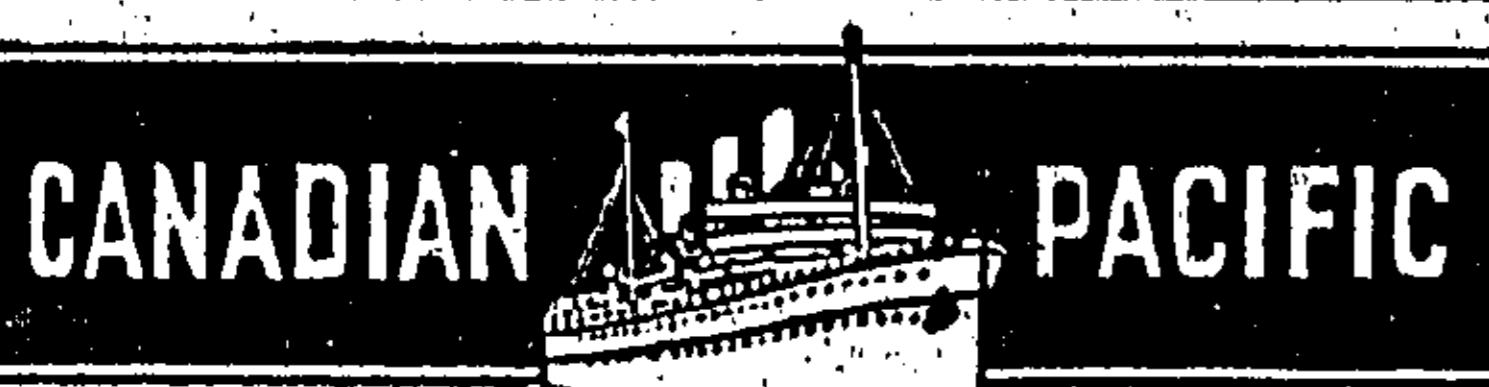
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#### NO LIGHT THROWN ON THE COLLAPSE.

The Coroner's inquiry was held in the afternoon by Major C. Williamson, after his Worship and the jury called into the proceedings had visited the scene of the accident. The inquiry concerned the deaths of three earth-coolies, Ho Yuet, Tang Choi and Ip Pat, who were killed by the fall of earth.

One of the witnesses called was Mr. U. Rumjahn. As one of the Guardians of the Mohamedan Cemetery, Mr. Rumjahn said that early in September of this year he instructed Chan Kam, a contractor, to effect the necessary repairs to the Cemetery, the contracted work including the rebuilding of a collapsed wall.

The last time witness visited the Cemetery to inspect the work in progress was on October 23, two days before the mishap. He was then accompanied by another Guardian, Inspector Nawab Khan, and an assistant, and they stood close to the spot where the fall of earth subsequently occurred. There was then no sign of any danger.

Two days afterwards, at 4.30 in the afternoon, the Guardians' assistant telephoned to witness, who was then in his office, that a serious accident had occurred and several persons had been buried under a fall of earth.

When witness arrived at the Cemetery half-an-hour later, he saw a woman, who was still alive, being carried out in an ambulance. He also saw a man in a standing position with the earth up to his neck, being extricated. That man was already dead.

#### Heavy Rains.

Replies to the Coroner, witness said he thought heavy rains caused the collapse of the wall in 1926, and the contractor who was employed in rebuilding the wall when the landslide occurred had been habitually employed by witness in connexion with all these repairs to the Cemetery.

In reply to another question, witness also said he expected Chan Kam to be responsible for the work and to employ any subcontractor he thought fit.

Chen Kam, who was next called, said that he received instructions to repair the damaged wall and also any channels damaged by the rains, in the Cemetery.

It was his custom, after having entrusted the work to a subcontractor, to inspect the work every morning, in order to see how well it had progressed. From time to time, when this was necessary, he gave instructions as to how the work was to be carried out. In other words, he was supervising the work, although having entrusted it to another man.

This latter, Chung Sau, was told to remove the stones and prepare the foundation for the new retaining wall. He was to dig a trench at the spot where the original foundation was located, such procedure being deemed by

jurors to be quite safe, and for the reason, also that the earth at that spot was compact.

### UNION ACTION.

#### CREW TAKEN OUT OF NORWEGIAN STEAMER.

The Norwegian steamer, Dampto (Captain K. Holm) arrived in ballast from Canton at 10 a.m. yesterday morning and reported that on the day previous, officials of the Seamen's Union had boarded and ordered both deck hands and firemen on shore. No reason was ascribed for this action.

The ship was brought down by the six officers on board and on arrival, she secured to C40 buoy. A new crew was engaged yesterday in Hongkong.

The Dampto is a vessel of 1,430 tons and operated under charter by the Tel. Tai Hong, for whom Messrs. Dodwell and Company are acting as agents.

In connection with the Union operations in Canton, it is learned that the recently instituted boycott against British and Japanese goods has proved ineffective in respect of British cargoes, but there is a certain amount of trouble with goods of Japanese origin, between the shippers and agents.

A rumour was current yesterday that the pickets had been withdrawn, after being paid off by the Union, but no confirmation of this could be obtained from vessels arriving yesterday.

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#### Nothing Amiss.

The Coroner: You ought to have noticed that the bend there was sharp.

Witness: I had visited the spot, that same morning before the accident, and did not see anything amiss.

Did you notice any cracks?—I had looked for these cracks but found none.

In reply to another question, witness said that whatever instructions he had to give were transmitted to the workmen by the sub-contractor who employed them. This was Chung Sau.

Have you formed any ideas as to the cause of the accident?

Witness replied he had not. The slope was not wholly covered with grass, and even if these cracks had occurred in the covered parts, he would have detected them.

The Foreman of the Jury: Why wasn't shoring put up there?

That could not be done. The slope was low and slanting.

The Foreman: Was your subcontractor a competent man?—I consider he is competent. I have always employed him and have known him between ten and twenty years.

In reply to another question, witness said that no rains occurred in the two days before the accident. As a matter of fact, he added, the work was purposely held over until the rainy weather had terminated.

The sub-contractor, Chung Sau, deposed that he employed one head-coolie and six other coolies for the work, which consisted of digging the trench and removing the stones. He was not present when the accident occurred, but being summoned, he arrived in time to help in the work of rescue.

One woman was extricated, in-

### LAWN TENNIS.

#### MRS. R. E. TOTTENHAM RETAINS LADIES TITLE.

One of the best games of tennis ever played by ladies was that between Mrs. R. E. Tottenham, holder of the Ladies' Championship Singles, and Miss Enid Lo, on the United Services Recreation Club ground yesterday afternoon in the challenge round of the Open Singles, run in conjunction with the Ladies' Recreation Club tournaments.

The game was watched by a large number of lady enthusiasts and several well-known local men players. The match went the full three sets, the holder winning by 7-5, 2-6, 6-3 after a very hard struggle. The game lasting about an hour and a half.

Mrs. Tottenham opened rather eccentrically but throughout the match played a much steadier game than her opponent. She was content to return the ball without using much force but always kept good length and often had Miss Lo on the run. Occasionally, however, she put across some hard drives but she seldom forced the game.

Adopting more aggressive methods, Miss Lo put more sting behind her strokes and brought off some exceptionally spectacular drives especially in the second set when she had the holder beaten on several occasions by well placed side-line shots.

She showed more brilliancy than her opponent but lacked the experience of Mrs. Tottenham. The match was fought almost entirely from the back line and although Miss Lo gave her opponent a lot of running to do, she took the first to show signs of tiring.

The first set was a ding-dong struggle from the very first game, although there was nothing worthy of note, during the earlier part of the match both players driving from the back of the court and winning mostly by each other's inaccuracy.

Miss Lo took the service and the first four games all went against the server. Leading at 3-2, the challenger won the odd game until five was called when the holder got the eleventh and the set in the next.

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**THE VOLUNTEERS.**

**ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.**

Training will be discontinued until further notice.

No. 1 Platoon. Parade at Corps Headquarters on Tuesday, 15th November at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction.

Dress: Mufti, rifle and bayonet will not be required.

No. 2 Platoon. Parade at Corps Headquarters on Tuesday, 15th November at 5.30 p.m. for Signal Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

1 Lecture.

Lecture by Major F. C. Roberts, V. C., D. S. O., O. B. E., M. C. at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 14th November. All available members should attend.

Subject: Modern training. A discussion of modern ideas on Training for War with remarks on points brought out during last year's home manoeuvres and Staff exercises, etc. To discuss a suggested training programme for the Volunteers whilst in camp.

2 Musketry.

The Artillery and Engineer Companies will fire Part II at Stonewall Range on Sunday, 13th November, 1927.

This is the last opportunity for members of the above Companies who have not fired Part II to attend.

Range Officer: Lieut. T. Addis Martin. Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or mufti optional but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be worn.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Thursday, 10th November, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m. and on Saturday, 12th November, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

3 Range.

Stonewall Range is allotted to Castals on Sunday, 20th November instead of 29th November, 1927.

Range Officer: 2/Lieut. A. Mackenzie.

To Reserve Company on 27th November, 1927.

Range Officer: Lieut. A. M. Thornhill.

4 Artillery Company.

Musketry Part II. See Order No. 2.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.25 p.m. on Thursday, 17th November for Battery Drill, B.C.A. and G.P.O.A. instruction.

Signallers as per programme.

5 Engineer Company.

Musketry Part II. See Order No. 2.

Monday, 14th November. All members should attend the lecture by Major Roberts at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

Field Sections.—Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 16th November for Tests.

Dress: Mufti.

Signal Section. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 17th November for Signal Instruction.

6 Mounted Infantry Company.

Parade at Stables at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 15th November.

Dress: Mufti.

7 Armoured Car Company.

Field Day, Sunday, 13th November, 1927.

Advance Party. Q.M.S. A. E. Kew, one driver and eight men parade at Corps Headquarters at 8.15 a.m. and proceed to Shek's Ford Truck to put up the targets.

Remainder parade at Corps Headquarters at 9 a.m. ready to move off at 9.10 a.m. Dress: Uniform, helmet, bandolier, belt, bayonet and water-bottle, rifle and bayonet.

The Company will be back in town by 11.30 a.m.

Monday, 14th November. Lecture by Major Roberts. All members are asked to attend.

8 Infantry Company.

Members are notified that the Friday evening parades for Vickers Gun

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Victoria, Hongkong.**AMPUTATED ARM IN  
COURT.****GRIM EVIDENCE AT  
SHANGHAI**

A Chinese tram conductor who knocked down and injured the arm of an eight-year-old Chinese boy on Robinson Road on the 26th day of the 7th moon was fined \$50 and ordered to pay compensation in the sum of \$80 at the Provisional Court in Shanghai, last Friday.

A grim feature of the case was the production, by the father of the boy, of the injured arm of the latter, which had to be amputated. The father brought this to Court, unwrapped it from a piece of paper and held it up for the Court's inspection as proof of the serious nature of his son's injuries.

The accused, Tsien Siau-doing, aged 28, was represented during the proceedings by Mr. H. N. Muir, of the Shanghai Electric Construction Company Ltd., (Shanghai Tramways), who, at the last hearing, asked for the dismissal of the case as the complainant had three times failed to appear when the case was set down for hearing. The Judge, Mr. Wan, however, remanded the case and through the Chinese City authorities located the complainant and produced him in time for yesterday's final hearing.

Evidence for the prosecution showed that while the tram-car, a railless one, was proceeding along Robinson Road about the time the cotton mills in the vicinity were discharging their female employees at the close of the day's work, the conductor was standing upon the step of the car, playfully smacking girls whom the car passed.

In doing so, he accidentally knocked down the small boy who was on his way to buy some vegetables for his father and carried a bowl for the purpose. He fell to the ground and the back wheel of the car passed over his arm.

The conductor denied this story, saying that the car was proceeding slowly, but with the gate shut and he produced a barber who worked in the vicinity to corroborate his story.

The court found him guilty in spite of this and passed the above sentence.

**SEAMEN REPLY TO  
THE T.U.C.****REFUSAL TO BE BULLIED**

London, Nov. 9.—The annual conference of the National Union of Seamen has unanimously approved of the executive's reply to the Trade Union Congress ultimatum of October 26, demanding that the Union cease to support the non-union miners' union.

The reply stated that the T.U.C. is a tainted body, and declares that the Union is only seeking to protect the moderate, sensible miners' leaders from dismissal. It will continue this policy until it has the assurance of the T.U.C. that the moderates will have the full protection of the Congress.

What is believed to be the most comfortable police station in the world was opened at Snow Hill, E.C., by the Lord Mayor, Sir Roy and Blades, M.P. It is the new headquarters of B Division City Police. Architecturally, both inside and out, it presents the appearance of a well-to-do club. There is a cosy little charge-room, where the prisoner and his captor can have a chat with the station officer, and a large room called the accommodation cell, which will hold a dozen or more persons. This room is so arranged that it can be partitioned off to ensure privacy for any of the prisoners who may desire it. Even "drunks" have been thought of, and for them a cell with a patent removable wooden floor on which they can fall without hurting themselves has been provided.

A cat burglar had a narrow escape from being caught red-handed at Camden Holt, Chiswick, when, by the merest chance, he did not enter an upstairs room in which were a nurse and a dog. Neither was disturbed, though he stole £500 worth of jewellery from the adjoining rooms.

**HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?**

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:

1. Sir William Je人性-Ilka, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, Mr. Edward T. Stetson, Mr. S. J. Day (1926). Exemplar grata-  
tum, 1722. B. Second Division of Lighthouses. Ancient corporation dating from 1614, having superintendence over pilotage round British coasts and over lighthouses and lightships. (a) 21, Greenwich Observatory was founded 7. In painting, a night-piece, or a painting exhibiting some of the characteristic effects of night-light. In music, a composition entitled "The Firebird" set to music by Stravinsky, to the night. 8. Famous British Jockey (1857-1889), who headed the list of winning jockeys from 1878 to 1886. 9. (a) Exemplar grata-  
tum, 1722. B. Second Division of Lighthouses. (b) Paragraph added to a letter after the writer's signature. (c) Id est—that is. (d) Thus. (e) Manuscript. 10. Rembrandt. 11. St. Paul. 12. (a) Wrote in his address book. (b) Exemplar grata-  
tum, 1722. 13. In having been spoken by our Lord. 12. (a) Instrument used to produce a spectrum of light (white light split into its primary colours as in the rainbow). (b) A person who has the power to discern the internal state of the body by listening to the sounds produced therein.**BRITISH BANKS.**

(Continued from Page 1.)

Thus it comes about that foreign banks in China are compelled—not through the "unequal Treaties," to which, of course, the Nationalists ascribe foreign financial influence, but through the chaos which characterizes the country's financial as well as its political affairs—to keep stores of sycee and to issue notes of their own. Total imports of silver into Shanghai in the form of bars in 1926 were 71,929, about 70 per cent. of which were imported by British banks, the approximate total of their note issues in China (including Hongkong) being \$7,590,000.

If to-morrow the "unequal Treaties" were abolished and all the foreign banks in Shanghai disappeared, leaving the field clear for the native banks, there would be no reliable notes on the market, because there would be no guarantee of any cover for them, while trade would be left without any secure basis in the form of reliable silver supplies available when wanted. That is being illustrated at the present time when, in consequence of the embargo, it has been found necessary to ship silver to Tientsin in a British gunboat.

Shanghai Sycee.

An extremely important element in this reliability, which the foreign banks help to maintain, is the honesty of Shanghai sycee. Sycee, as explained above, is the term given to silver in ingot form, the form differing in different parts of the country. In Shanghai ingots are in the shape of shoes, weighing close on 50 taels, each tael containing 524.93 grains of fine silver. The production of a shoe is the result of a highly skilled operation performed in what the onlooker seems to be a rudimentary manner, under the supervision of an institution known as the Kung Ku Chu, a public office, but free from Government control, at which anybody in possession of sycee can have its fineness tested and guaranteed at the cost of two taels a shoe. Sycee bearing this institution's "chop" and stated by it to be silver of a certain fineness, contains precisely that amount of silver, no more and no less. The Kung Ku Chu is not in any formal sense controlled by the foreign banks, but their watchfulness and precision help to keep it up to the mark, and, as it works inside the International Settlement it enjoys the protection which foreign banks themselves enjoy.

Banks and Trade.

The story of British banking in Shanghai goes back to 1848, when the Oriental Banking Corporation, now defunct, opened a branch. Of the existing banks the oldest is the Mercantile Bank, which opened in Shanghai in 1854. In 1858 the Mercantile Bank of India was incorporated under Royal Charter as the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China, a title changed in 1893 to the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd. From 1894 to 1915 the branch was run as an agency in the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., reopening as a branch in the latter year. The Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, opened in Shanghai in 1857, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in 1864, and the P. and O. Banking Corporation in 1920.

In 1865, when the first balance-sheet of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was published, China's total foreign import trade was valued at HK. Tls. 84,160,000, or (at HK. Tls. 3, the average rate of exchange that year) £28,050,000. Of this total Shanghai's imports were valued at about £11,000,000. In 1926 (the 1926 figures are not yet available) China's total import trade was valued at HK. Tls. 965,000,000, or about £168,388,000, Shanghai's imports being valued at HK. Tls. 431,887,000, or about £75,340,000.

The total of bills receivable and discounted in 1926 by the four British banks doing business in Shanghai was over £109,000,000, a large proportion of this total representing business done in that port.

**An Important Point.**

While there is no occasion to labour what these figures plainly tell, their significance would not be fully appreciated without realization of the fact that the part played by modern Chinese banks in China's foreign trade is, as yet, small. Some 23 are members of the Chinese Bankers' Association, but the foreign trade they finance is but a small fraction of the figures shown above. At the present time, when extreme Nationalists in China are making a "dead set" at everything British, it is important that this fact, and the chaotic condition of China's currency, should be known and understood. Consideration of Chinese affairs has tended to centre round the effects on our trade of boycott to the exclusion of the consequences of allowing the Chinese to "jockey" us out of the safeguards essential to sound finance. Among these are freedom from Government interference of the processes whereby bar silver is converted into sycee—the "sheet anchor," as the late Mr. Stephen described it, of the monetary position in Shanghai (a freedom which would disappear if the Chinese were given in the international settlement the powers which they have been given in the ex-British concession at Hankow), and amenability of our banks to British and not to Chinese laws. Let either of these safeguards be removed and our losses will be far greater than those inflicted on us by boycott. Some day, everybody hopes, the Chinese will have a decent Government and a reliable currency.

**SHANGHAI RIOTERS  
ARRESTED.****MOB OF 300 ATTACKS  
MEDICINE SHOP.**

Thirty-five Chinese last Friday were under arrest at the Shanghai Public Safety Bureau, Great East Gate, Shanghai. Following the small-sized riot on the previous day outside the West Gate, when a mob of more than 300 persons charged a Chinese shop, smashed the furnishings of the place, damaged stocks and created a great deal of confusion, during which the place was looted.

The mob, it is asserted, consisted of employees of other chemist shops. The shop attacked is the Liu Shou Dong Medicine Shop. Attempts were made to assault the proprietor of the shop but this was prevented by the timely arrival of Chinese police. The assault on the shop, it is believed, is the result of the owner of the shop not living up to promises alleged to have been made to employees last April.

Following the arrival of the police the mob turned on them and for a time there was a lively battle, the police using their batons freely while some of the mob armed themselves with sticks and other weapons. Seven constables are reported to have received slight injuries while more than a score of members of the mob were bruised.

**NOT ONLY COTTON  
WANTED.****SOVIET INTRIGUE IN EGYPT.**

Cairo, Nov. 9.—The Ministry of the Interior has sent a communication to the American Legation pointing out that Seminouk, one of the Russian cotton delegates, who is a naturalised American, having failed to carry out the undertaking to refrain from Bolshevik propaganda, is considered an undesirable, and should be requested to leave the country.—Reuter.

The Soviet delegates arrived in Egypt a few weeks ago, allegedly on a purely commercial mission, and have bought large quantities of cotton for shipment to Russia.

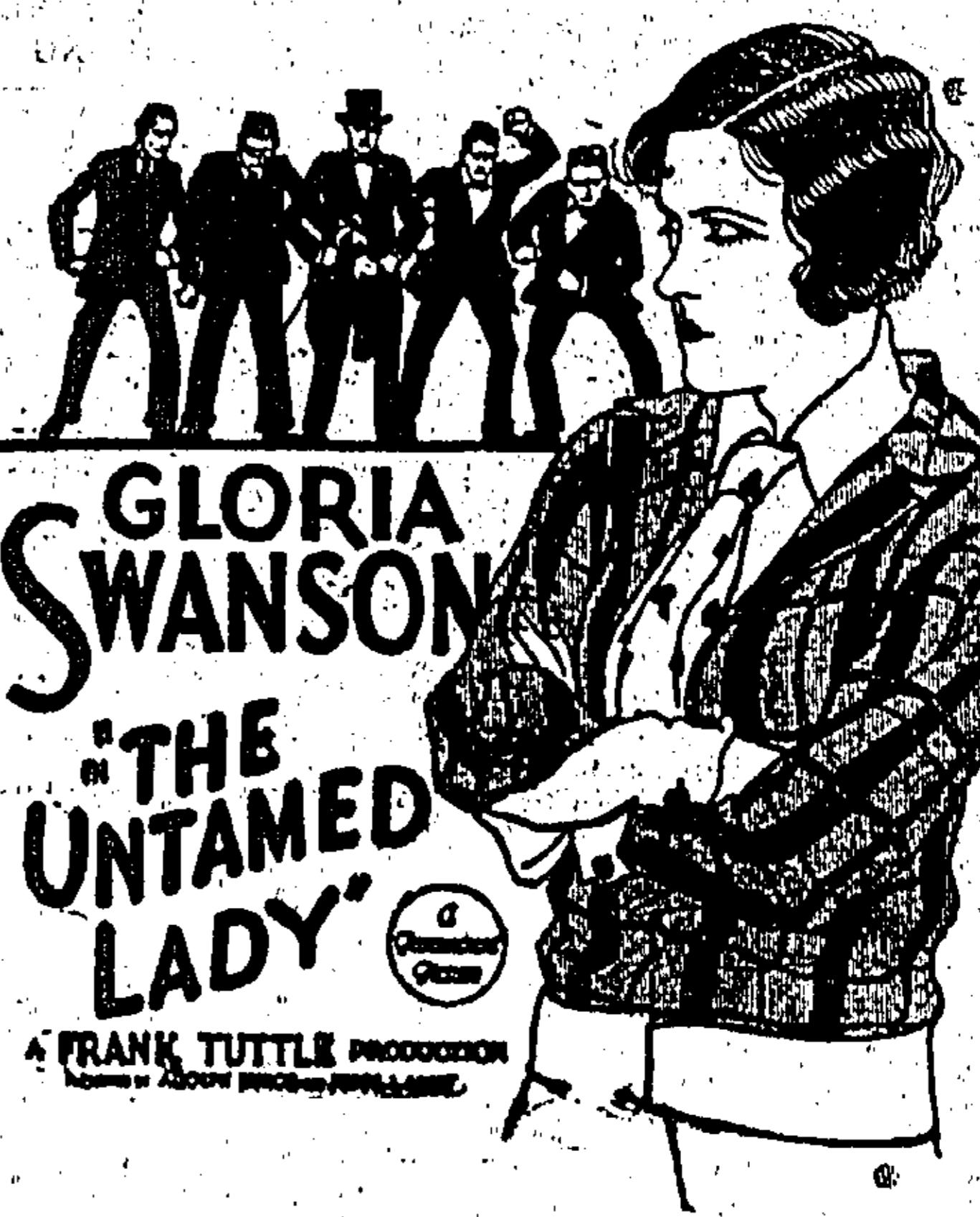
A lecture will be given by Major F. C. Roberts V.C., D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday next, when the subject will be Modern training. A discussion of modern ideas on Training for War with remarks on points brought out during last year's home manoeuvres and Staff exercises, etc., will be held in connexion with a suggested training programme for the Volunteers whilst in camp.

According to the *Natal Mercury*, the Union Government has concluded an agreement with Imperial Airways, Limited, for the erection of an airship mooring-mast in the vicinity of Tongat, 30 miles from Durban, where an aerodrome is to be established.

Present Protection. At present they have neither, and until they have it is absolutely essential that our banks should continue to enjoy the protection which extraterritoriality and foreign administration of Shanghai gives them. In saying this one is not thinking only of the property of the banks and of the foreign commercial concerns which they have helped to create, and with which their own prosperity is bound up, one is thinking also of China's prosperity. Her trade, her railways, her growing industrial concerns all these are the fruits of Sino-foreign, and to a large extent of Sino-British, co-operation under certain conditions. Destroy those conditions at this premature stage, and co-operation will not be made easier and more productive; it will be made harder and less productive.

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